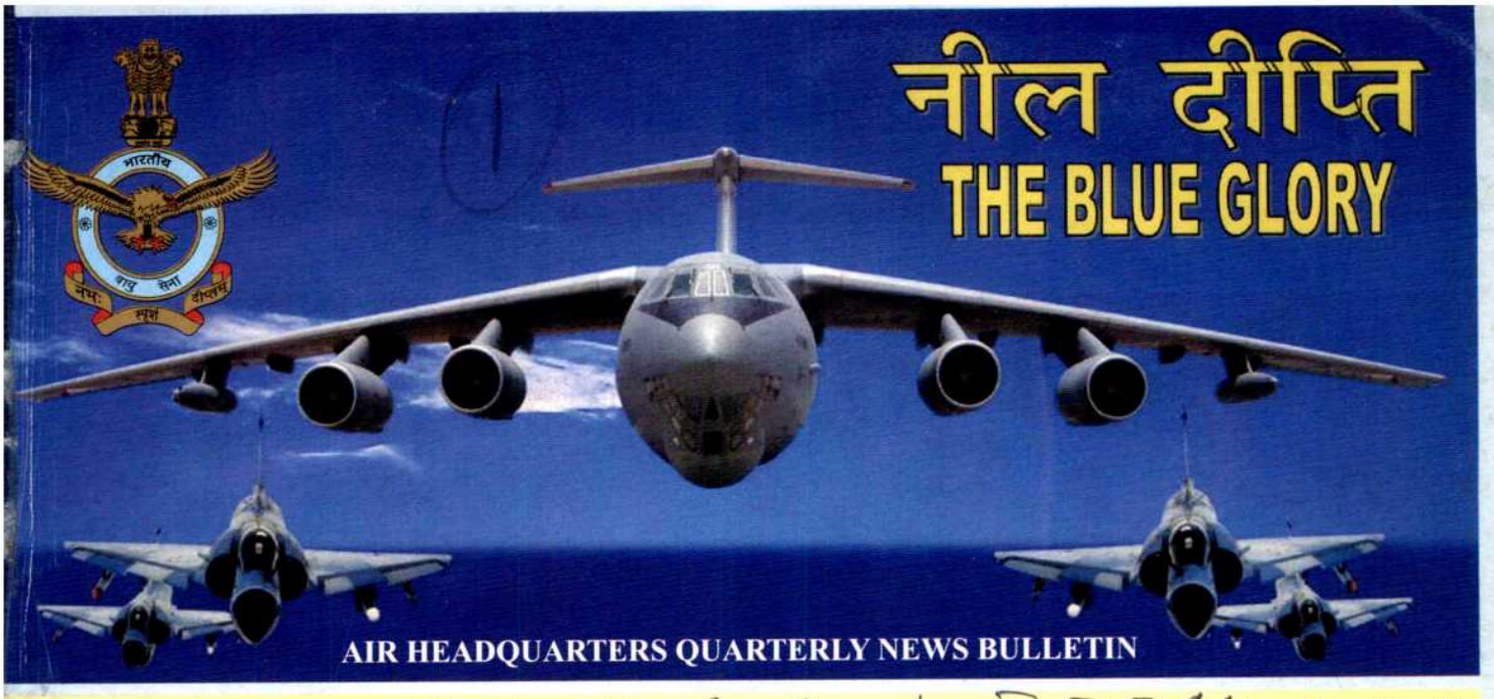

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AIR FORCE COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE: APRIL 2011

The first bi-annual Air Force Commanders' Conference for the year 2011 was held at Air HQ from 25-28 Apr 11 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri AK Antony. Welcoming the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Air Chief Marshal P V Naik PVSM VSM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff stated that in view of the prevailing security scenario in the region, the IAF was geared up to meet all challer He thanked the RM for his support in pursuing the ac on plans of the IAF. The Hon'ble RM commenced his address by expressing his appreciation for the crucial role played by IAF in upholding the highest standards of professionalism over the years, specially highlighting its role during times of peace and war. As the political instability in our neighbourhood had a debilitating impact on the overall security environment of the region and the world, he stressed upon the need for constant vigil. The RM stated that IAF was at the cusp of becoming a Strategic Aerospace Force and the nation had full confidence in IAF's capabilities. He also spoke of the commendable relief work done by the IAF. during flash floods in leh last year.

Hon'ble RM with AF Commanders

Conference in progress

He concluded his address by congratulating the commanders on the excellent work done. He released a booklet on the 'Core Values of IAF'. Besides presentations by the Commanders, matters related to operations, flight safety, maintenance, personnel and administration were also discussed. The conference was also addressed by the NSA, COAS and CNS. An interactive session was held with Chairman, NTRO, Rear Admiral K Raja Menon VSM (Retd) and Dr. RK Tuli, who spoke to the Commanders on 'Long View from Delhi - A Perspective on Scenario Building for National Security' and 'Holistic Medicine in Management of Life Style Diseases', respectively. During the conference, the CAS awarded the Swarna Rajbhasha Shield to Training Command, while the Rajat Rajbhasha Shield and the Kansya Rajbhasha Shield were awarded to Southern Air Command and Maintenance Command respectively. The Land Line Communication Trophy was awarded to 4 Wg AF.

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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

The latest issue of 'The Blue Glory' is in your hands. The editorial team feels it a privilege to cover Air Force Commanders' Conference along with its regular features.

The excellent inputs from all the Units/Stns are encouraging. We have taken utmost care to include as many inputs as possible to make this issue an enjoyable and informative read.

We eagerly seek your valuable opinion and suggestions for making this news bulletin more impressive.

Good wishes.
Jai Hind

The Sardar Baldev Singh Challenge Cup for Overall Sports Championship was awarded to Western Air Command. The Chief of the Air Staff Trophy for the best AF sportsman was awarded to Sgt Samarjeet ESSA of 4 Wg AF. During the conference CAS released the IAP on Manual of Works Services.

CAS awarding the best sportsman trophy

COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE - 2011 AT HQ MC IAF

Air Chief Marshal PV Naik PVSM VSM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff inaugurated the Maintenance Command Commanders Conference on 01 Jun 11. In his address to the Commanders, the CAS spoke about India's emergence as a global power and the various security issues, both external and internal. While bringing out the increased participation of the Armed Forces over a wide spectrum of activities, the CAS also stressed on the need to develop all round capabilities for our Armed Forces. Having declared 2011-12 the 'Year of Consolidation' he stressed on the need for proactive participation in upgrading the knowledge base and expertise on modern weapon systems and sensors, as well as keeping the existing inventory fighting fit. The aim of the conference was to review the progress of ongoing projects, evolve strategies to resolve current issues as well as the maintenance philosophy required to induct new technology and weapons systems in the IAF. The conference commenced with discussions on agenda points related to improvement in production, reduced Turn Around Time, efficient supply chain management, improved product support and upgradation of infrastructure and facilities. Senior functionaries of BEL & HAL were also invited to participate in the discussion considering mutual long term strategic relationship and a persistent need to adopt a synergetic and symbiotic approach to the emerging issues. An insight into indigenous and license production capability of HAL & BEL was given to Commanders. The Chief lauded the efforts of Maintenance Command for the pivotal role being played by it in keeping our weapon systems and equipment operational. He urged the Commanders to ensure that all efforts are made to ensure task achievement, quality control and effective output. He also called upon all a warriors to absorb the latest technologies that are coming into the Armed Forces fc their maximum operational exploitation.

Commanders' conference, MC IAF in progress

RESURRECTION OF 104(H) SQN AF

104 (H)Sqn (Firebirds), the oldest and the most decorated Helicopter Sqn of the Air Force was resurrected on 13 Sep 10. Raised on 25 Mar 54 at Palam with the Sikorsky 55 as their mounts, the squadron continued to evolve from flight to squadron and subsequently flew Bell 47 G, Mi-4, he ATGM equipped Chetak and finally converting to the earsome Mi-35 which it flies to this day. Having participated in all military operations since 1962, the squadron was the first amongst Helicopters to receive the coveted Presidential Colours on 08 Nov 88. After rendering a yeoman service to the nation for 50 years, the Firebirds were deployed in the Democratic Republic of Congo from February 04 furthering the cause of peace and national pride. In what is seen as the longest deployment overseas by any squadron of the Air Force (2005-2010) the mere presence of the Firebirds was reason enough for the hostile elements to melt away. Having played a major part in the transition to peace, the Firebirds returned to their lair in September 10.

CO with the boys and machine

The first of the Mi-35s was flown in on 22 Oct 10. The squadron complex was reclaimed and refurbishing commenced along with a steady rise in the tempo of ops. Today, an aura of efficiency emanates from the Firebirds lair wherein a glorious past and a bright future await those ortunate enough to add their names to the 'One-O-Four' amily. Since the resurrection in the last eight months, the quadron has flown extensively and participated in umerous Army and Air Force exercises. Going from rength to strength, the Firebirds have proved their mettle henever called upon.

SASOS CONFERENCE APRIL-2011

The Dte of Ops (MPR) conducted the biannual SASOs Conference on 04 & 05 Apr 11 at Air HQ (Vayu Bhawan). The conference was chaired by VCAS and

VCAS with SASOs and senior officers of Air HQ

attended by SASOs of all Commands as well as senior officers of Air HQ. The conference featured meaningful discussions on a wide range of operational issues and policy matters of the IAF.

OPERATIONS AT THE HIGHEST BATTLEFIELD

In April 2011 an army post at Chaman in Northern-most area of Siachen Glacier required provisioning of pre- fabricated huts. Being one of the highest posts in Siachen Glacier at 19500 ft, non-availability of these critical stores was causing loss of life and limb to the soldiers due to extreme cold conditions. The route from the nearest established Drop Zone (DZ) Benazir was full of crevasses and the weight and volume of stores necessitated a drop by Mi-17 helicopter. The drop zone elevation corresponded to the ultimate performance limit of the Mi-17 Helicopter. The safety margins were minimal and the onset of summers could further deteriorate the helicopter's performance. Realising the importance of the work, aircrew of 130 HU selected an optimal weight and volume so as to enable a safe drop at the Chaman DZ which would become the highest DZ in the Operation Meghdoot sector. Thus, once again a difficult task was accomplished in four consecutive sorties on 28 Apr 11. Carrying out a drop at 19800 ft /6 Km, all the stores were delivered with utmost professionalism. 130 HU AF known as 'Condors' has been carrying out operations like these in the area since its inception.

A drop performed by Mi-17 Helicopter

Rebuilding of Jaguar Aircraft

Aircraft JT-058 and JS-117 were damaged in the year 2010 while operating from 9 Wg AF. The rebuilding task included activities like removal/installation of rear fuselage

Rebuilding of Jaguar JT-058 Aircraft

and main plane and complex repair of F1 fuel tank. All these activities are beyond the scope of second line servicing and were undertaken by a combined team from HAL and IAF. The activities were time critical because of runway resurfacing being in progress at 9 Wg AF. Requisite jointmanship was instrumental in successful rebuilding of these two aircraft in record time. Both the aircraft were successfully ferried out well before the expected PDC with good team work.

Road Transportation of Jaguar Aircraft

JT-057 Jaguar aircraft was damaged due to fire during ground run. The aircraft was required to be dispatched to HAL Bengaluru for repair / rectification.

Road Transportation of Jaguar Aircraft

It was decided to airlift the same by IL-76.The task became complex owing to runway resurfacing at 9 Wg AF, since IL-76 could not land at the base. This entailed road transportation of the Jaguar with landing gear to 12 Wg AF for further air transportation. It was the first time in IAF that a Jaguar was transported by road by 9 Wg AF. To check the longitudinal and lateral movement of the aircraft during the travel, a special metal housing was fabricated. This metal housing was made with one inch thick metal plate and was welded with the surface of the trailer.

MC Aerospace Safety Council Meeting

The Annual Maintenance Command Aerospace Safety Council Meeting was held at 3 BRD AF on 04 May 11. The meeting was attended by Air Marshal PV Athawale PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Maintenance Command and Air Marshal AS Karnik AVSM VM, Director General (Inspection and Safety), Air Headquarters. In addition, officers from Air Headquarters, HQ Maintenance Command and units under Maintenance Command participated in the meeting. The participants were

Meeting in progress

welcomed by Air Commodore Suresh Singh VSM, AOC, 3 BRD AF. During the meeting, a review of safety related issues of the IAF and similar issues related to maintenance and operations under Maintenance Command were deliberated upon. Presentations on various issues were given by representatives from Air Headquarters, Maintenance Command and units under Maintenance Command. Over the years the IAF has laid a very high emphasis on resolution of safety related issues . This has paid rich dividends towards improving the safety record of the IAF. The meeting was held to highlight such issues in order to enhance the overall aviation safety record of the IAF.

33rd Flight Test Course Graduates

Air Marshal Dhiraj Kukreja AVSM VSM, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Training Command presented graduation certificates to seven test pilots and five Flight Test Engineers of the 33rd Flight Test Course of the Air Force Test Pilots School on 20 May 11. The prestigious Suranjan Das Trophy for the best all-round student test pilot was awarded to Sqn Ldr Rajat Mahajan while the Chief of Air Staff Trophy for the best student test pilot in Flight Evaluation was awarded to Sqn Ldr Amit Sarmai. The Hanumanth Singh Sword for the best all-round student Flight Test Engineer was awarded to Sqn Ldr RR Senthil Kumar. On successful completion of 46 weeks of training, the graduating officers will now join the select band of flight test professionals.

AOC-in-C TC IAF presenting the trophy

Speaking on the occasion, Air Marshal Dhiraj Kukreja said that the country was rapidly increasing indigenisation in the field of aircraft manufacturing. He urged all test pilots and engineers to contribute towards taking the country to even greater heights and goals in the field of aviation. He congratulated the young officers and exhorted them to strive for excellence and perfection as they take up the challenging field of flight testing which is a prestigious profession.

Biannual Conference on Trade Standards and Testing

The first biannual Conference on Trade Standards and Testing for the year 2011 was held at GEB AF on 05 & 06 May 11. The conference was inaugurated by AVM Satyendra Kumar, ACAS (EDN). The forum discussed various issues relating to the Airmen Promotion Examination (AIRPEX) System.

Conference in progress

One of the important agenda points was modernisation of the process of AIRPEX by introducing Online Examination System. It will enable airmen to register and appear for AIRPEX from their place of work.

Valedictory Function of 80 ANC at Navigation Training School

Valedictory function of 80th Advance Navigation Course (ANC) was organised at Navigation Training School (NTS) on 04 Jun 11. Chief Guest for the function was Air Vice Marshal AS Bhonsle AVSM VSM, Deputy Commandant, National Defence Academy, Pune. 80th ANC comprised seven officers from different services as a part of Inter

Chief Guest with qualified instructors

Services Co-operation, which included five Air Force and two Naval officers who would be stepping out as Qualified Navigation Instructors (QNIs) and take up their instructional assignments in their respective services. The Chief Guest gave away the trophies and certificates to the officers. Sqn Ldr Ashish Mishra stood first in overall order of merit.

28th Senior Officers' Study Period (SOSP) at CAW Secunderabad

College of Air Warfare (CAW), Secunderabad, a premier training establishment of the IAF, conducted a 'Senior Officers' Study Period' (SOSP) programme for the senior officers of the Indian Armed Forces from 02 -13 May 11. The participants were of the rank of Air Commodore and equivalent from the other two services.

AOC-in-C CAC IAF with Prize winners

The programme was intended to provide senior officers with a deeper insight into regional and national security issues as also to foster jointmanship at the highest level. The programme featured talks by several eminent speakers from the military and civilian domains and covered a vast spectrum of topics related to comprehensive security. The participants also had the opportunity to interact with senior serving and retired military officers, renowned economists, political analysts, academia and media personalities. Air Marshal GS Kochar PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command, the chief guest at the valedictory function, awarded certificates to the participants. The participants benefitted significantly from the interaction with experts from diverse fields. The SOSP also contributed towards enhancing the understanding of comprehensive security including human, economic and energy security as well as the role of military in the management of defence.

Implementation of Smart Class in AF School Barrackpore

Air Force School Barrackpore has implemented Smart Classes from class I to X in the current academic session to improve the teaching & learning process.The concept of Smart Class is a completely new multi-sensory learning experience for students.

The sole purpose of Smart Classes is to empower teachers with technology right inside the classrooms. The workshop for training the teachers on interactive Smart Class teaching methodology was conducted in the month of June 2011, to acquaint them with the working knowledge of Smart Classes.

Demonstration of a smart class

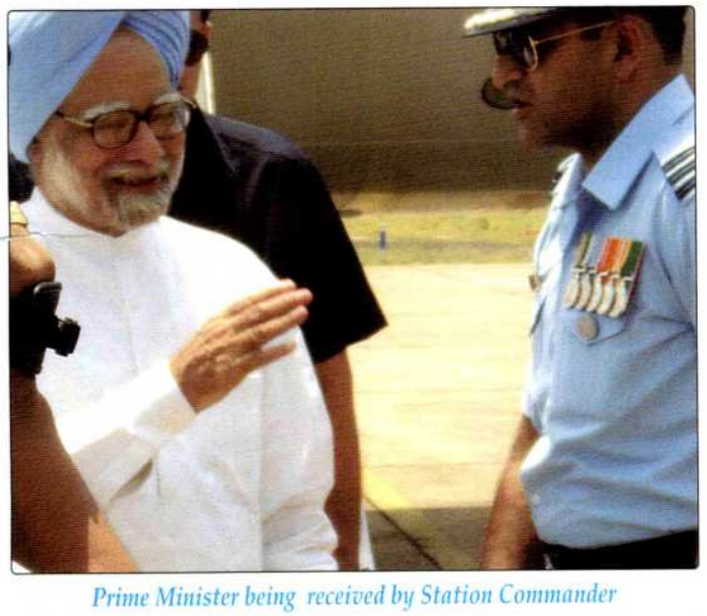
Organisation of CONMED 2011 at AFAC Coimbatore

Air Force Administrative College (AFAC) in collaboration with Bharathiar University Coimbatore hosted a National Level Training Programme on Concepts of Nowcasting & Mesoscale Disturbances (CONMED 2011). The programme was sponsored by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India and was conducted at the Faculty of Meteorology. A total of 43 scholars from various universities, research organisations, Indian Meteorological Deptt, Indian Air Force, Army, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and many other governmental organisations attended this training programme. The aim of CONMED-2011 was to train aspiring scientists to understand the challenges faced by both aviators and meteorologists with regard to various atmospheric phenomenon. As a natural outcome of such training, it is expected that an increasing number of young scientists would take up research in related fields and enhance the understanding and nowcasting of mesoscale disturbances and eventually aid in creating a safer and efficient aviation environment. Air Marshal D Kukreja AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C, TC, IAF inaugurated the training programme and released the CONMED training notes on 09 May 11. He was accompanied by Dr C Swaminathan, Vice Chancellor, Bharathiar University.

AOC-in-C, TC IAF releasing training notes

Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh Visits AF Stn Panagarh

The Hon'ble PM Dr Manmohan Singh, while on an election campaign in WB, visited AF Stn Panagarh on 23 Apr 11. He arrived at Panagarh air base at 1030h and was received by the Stn Cdr Wg Cdr Sanjay Verma and other officers.



Prime Minister being received by Station Commander

After a brief interaction with the media and other civil dignitaries who were present, the PM was airlifted to Katwa for campaigning. However, inspite of his busy schedule the PM did take some time off to visit the Officers Mess, where he had a brief tete`-e-tete with the Stn Cdr and other officers. He expressed profound satisfaction at his short but enjoyable stay at AF Stn Panagarh.

Commanders' Conference - 2011 at HQ TC IAF

The two day Station Commanders' Conference of Flying and Ground Training establishments under Training Command was held on 14 & 15 Jun 11 at HQ TC under the chairmanship of Air Mshl D Kukreja AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C, TC. In these two days, various issues pertaining to training and general administration of training establishments were discussed. A brain storming session on induction of new technology and methodologies to be adopted in training of air warriors was also held. Air Chief Mshl PV Naik PVSM VSM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff addressed the

Conference in progress

Commanders on 15 Jun 11 and gave away trophies to the best stations under Training Command.

Visit of Air Marshal Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, AOP to GEB & REB (N)

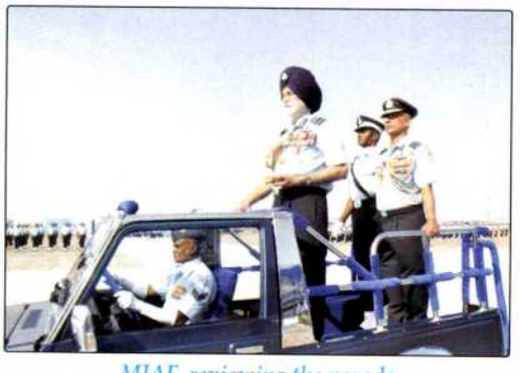
Air Mshl Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, AOP visited GEB and REB (N) Chandigarh on 06 May 11. He was received by Gp Capt Rajiv Mittal, CO GEB . During the visit, AOP appreciated the efforts put in by GEB and REBs in suitably

AOP handing over the memento to CO GEB

modifying the AIRPEX system and flawlessly conducting the examinations in consonance with the changes in the training pattern of airmen. He also emphasised the need to introduce the online AIRPEX on a fast track which will improve the overall efficiency of the examination process at a reduced economy of effort.

Combined Graduation Parade at AFA

At Air Force Academy, Dundigal, Hyderabad, the morning of 18 Jun 11 witnessed the Combined Graduation Parade of the Flight Cadets of all the branches of Indian Air Force, who successfully completed their basic and professional training. On this occasion, Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh DFC, awarded the President's commission to the Flight Cadets on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India. A total of 142 Flight Cadets including 22 women Flight Cadets passed out of Air Force Academy and joined the main stream of the Indian Air Force in their respective branches.



MIAF reviewing the parade

Fg Offr Tejas Subhas Kawale, who commanded the parade, was awarded the President's Plaque and Chief of Air Staff 'Sword of Honour' for standing first in overall order of merit in Pilots' Course. Fg Offr CS Pandey was awarded the President's Plaque for standing first in overall order of merit in Ground Duty branches. Fg Offr Rahul Singh Rajawat was awarded the President's Plaque for standing first in overall order of merit in Navigation branch. Addressing to the newly Commissioned Officers, the Marshal of the IAF impressed upon them the need for building up intrinsic qualities of leadership by placing the highest value on honour, integrity and selflessness before one's own, always and every time. He welcomed the new officers to the Indian Armed Forces fraternity and advised them to meet any challenge with determination, bringing glory to the service and to our motherland.

MIAF during piping ceremoney

Visit of Delegation of Egyptian Air Force to Air Defence College

A seven member Egyptian Air Force (EAF) Air Defence Academy delegation led by Brigadiar Hazem AZ Khorshid visited 505 SU, 8 C&MU and Air Defence College from 02 - 05 May 11 as a part of Indo-Egypt Defence Co-operation Programme. An elaborate discussion on the training pattern, the working environment, new acquisitions, EAF structure, integration of air defence and Air Force Command, operations in TBA and integration with army operations in EAF was undertaken at Air Defence College.

Egyptian Air Force delegation at Air Defence College

Visit of Delegation of Royal Thai Air Force to Air Defence College

A three member delegation from Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) led by Gp Capt Wittaya Lurngdechanurug visited Air Defence College on 04 May 11 as a part of Indo-Thailand Air Force to Air Force defence co-operation programme. The delegation visited Air Defence College and interacted with ADC staff. A brief about AD College covering historical background, type of training and courses undertaken at ADC was presented. An elaborate discussion on the training pattern, the working environment, new acquisitions, RTAF organisational structure was also undertaken. The delegation also visited the museum, AD simulator and TAC floor at ADC.

Royal Thai Air Force delegation at ADC

WOMEN IN BLUE SCALE NEW HEIGHTS IAF MOUNT EVEREST EXPEDITION-2011

On 21 May 11 at 1000h the radio at summit camp at South Col of Mount Everest crackled. Cutting through the noise of icy winds came Flt Lt Nivedita's voice informing Gp Capt NK Dahiya, the man behind the mission,"Sir, I am on the summit". With this, the lady officers of the IAF conquered the highest peak in the world. Within minutes she was followed by Cpl Raju Sindhu. Together they hoisted the Tricolour and the IAF flag on 'Sagarmatha' the Mount Everest. The daunting spirit of eleven member team of IAF lady officers continued when on 25 May 11 the second batch led by Sqn Ldr Devidutta Panda and consisting of Sqn Ldr Nirupama, Flt Lt Deepika, Fg Offr Rajika, Sgt Jasbir and LAC Ganesh scaled on the summit.

Team members at summit

Adventure sports in general and mountaineering in particular were hitherto predominantly male domain. The IAF male team had climbed Everest in 2005. The concept of providing this opportunity to women officers was conceived in 2009. The selected core team was trained for this project through rigorous training and expeditions to various mountains with progressively higher altitude and degree of difficulty. The team started with a successful climb on the peak of Mt. Stok Kangri (6121M) in Leh region in August 2009. This was followed by Mt. Bhagirathi-II (6512M) in Gangotri region in October 2009. To refresh their snow and ice-craft skills the team was sent for a Winter Training Camp at Siachen glacier with Army Mountaineering Institute in January 2010. Later that year, the team shifted its attention to higher and steeper mountains. The twin peaks of Mt. Kamet (7757M) and Mt. Abi Gamin (7355M) were scaled by the team on 13 May 10. For the first time, the endurance as well as the grit of the women mountaineers came under test during the expedition.

Members hoisting the tricolour and IAF flag on summit

The women officers and the Air Warriors have shown that not necessarily they need the jets to venture into the blue space. If need be they can toil a step at a time, on the snow and ice-bound terrain, through the clouds and still 'Touch The Sky With Glory'.

WAC WINS SPORTS TROPHY

Western Air Command won the AF Inter Command Sports Championship for the year 2010-11. The prestigious Sardar Valabh Bhai Sports Trophy was

CAS presenting the trophy to AOC-in-C WAC IAF

presented to Air Marshal DC Kumaria AVSM VM VSM, AOC-in-C WAC, IAF by Air Chief Mshl PV Naik PVSM VSM ADC, Chief of Air Staff at the AF Commanders Conference held on 25 Apr 11.

Air Force Squash Racquet Championship: 2011-12

Air Force Squash Racquet Championship 2011-12 was conducted from 02 - 05 May 11 at Headquarters Southern Air Command. The championship was inaugurated by Air Marshal Sumit Mukerji PVSM SC VSM ADC, AOC-in-C SAC IAF on 02 May 11. 32 squash players from various Commands of the IAF participated. Central Air Command won the team championship. Training Command and Southern Air Command teams were 1st and 2nd Runners up respectively. Individual championship was won by Sgt Sachin Ugade. Wg Cdr Jasbir Singh and Wg Cdr Bharat were 1st and 2nd Runners up respectively. Air Marshal J Chauhan AVSM VSM, Senior Air Staff Officer, SAC IAF was the chief guest for the closing ceremony held on 06 May 11. He felicitated the winners and awarded prizes.

Chief Guest with prize winners

Inauguration of Adventure Sports Park at 10 AF Hospital

An Adventure Sports Park with infrastructure for conduct of Adventure Sports Activities and Health Restaurant has been made at 10 Air Force Hospital. The park was inaugurated by AVM KS Gill, SOA EAC IAF on 10 Jun 11. The Adventure Park has been designed in a fashion that attracts all age groups. The activities have been planned and graded on the basis of age, weight and skill level, progressing from fun activities for families to serious adventure sports activities for adventure enthusiasts. The activities in the Adventure Park includes zipline, mountain bike, paint gun, all terrain vehicle, commando net, monkey crawling, net climbing, burma bridge crossing, tree climbing, rope climbing, variance ladder climbing, tyrolean traverse, rappelling, flying fox and rope ladder bridge crossing. A 140 meter Archery Range has also been included in the adventure park.

Adventure Park being inaugurated by SOA EAC IAF

Camp Rhino at Air Force Station, Tezpur

To instill a sense of comradeship among the younger generation, a camp named "Camp Rhino" was organised for three days and two nights at AF Stn Tezpur. Students from Class V to XI participated in the camp. The entry to the camp was on voluntary basis. A total of 40 students attended the camp out of which 12 were girls. The camp was packed with adventurous activities which were enjoyed by each member of the camp.

Members of 'Camp Rhino'

Air Force Boxing Championship 2011-12

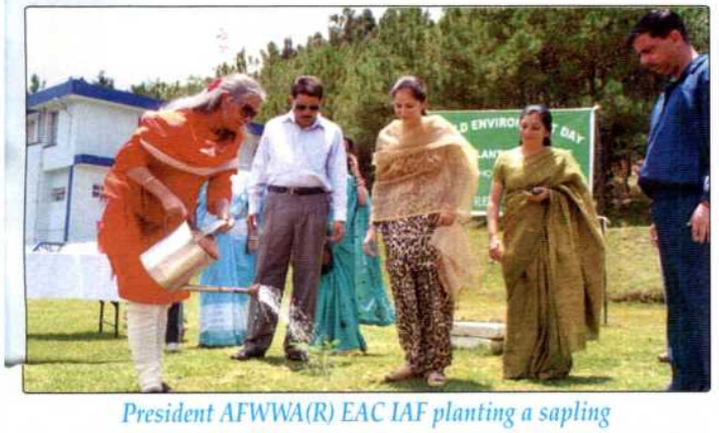
Air Force Boxing Championship 2011-12 was held at AF Stn Kalaikunda from 20 - 23 Jun 11. The opening ceremony was inaugurated by Air Cmde R Radhish VM, AOC, AF Stn Kalaikunda. It was attended by all the officers and personnel of the station. Boxing teams from Air HQ, Western Air Command, South Western Air Command, Eastern Air Command, Central Air Command, Training Command and Maintenance Command participated in the Championship. The aim of the Air Force Boxing Championship was to select potential boxers for the forthcoming Inter Services Championship 2011-12.

Chief Guest presenting the trophy

The Championship was conducted in Light Fly, Fly Weight, Bantam Weight, Light Welter, Welter Weight, Middle Weight, Light Heavy Weight, Heavy Weight & Super Heavy Weight categories. 53 boxers took part in the Championship. LAC Vishwanath Naik of Air HQ was declared the best boxer. Overall Championship was won by MC. The potential boxers will undergo rigorous training under the supervision of experienced coaches to take part in the Inter Services Boxing Championship. Air Cmde R Radhish VM, AOC AF Stn Kalaikunda distributed the prizes to the winners.

Tree Plantation Drive at HQ EAC IAF

On the occasion of World Environment day HQ EAC(U) organised a massive tree plantation drive inside its campus at Upper Shillong. A large number of saplings were



President AFWWA(R) EAC IAF planting a sapling

planted by the air warriors to promote green campaign and to combat land degradation and desertification. Posters and signboards on environmental issues were placed for general awareness. The planting of saplings was led by Mrs Anita Nohwar President AFWWA (R) Eastern Air Command.

Children of Air Force School and local KV participated actively and enthusiastically in the event. March past was also undertaken by them to convey the message of green environment and tree plantation. To mark the occasion, a drawing and painting competition was also organised on the theme of 'Green Earth'.

Children Summer Trekking Camp by AFWWA(R) CAC IAF

A children summer trekking camp was organized under the aegis of AFWWA(R) CAC IAF at Nainital from 22 - 28 May 11.

Children at summer trekking camp

A total of 51 children in the age group of 12 to 17 years participated in the camp. The camp started at AF Stn Bareilly on 22 May 11. The children were taken to places of interest in Bareilly and thereafter visited technical area at AF Stn Bareilly. On 23 May 11, the camp was flagged off to Nainital by Mrs Poonam Bhatt President AFWWA(L). The trip to Nainital was via Tanakpur Hydro Power Dam, where children were given a demonstration on Hydro Electricity generation. On 24 May 11, children trekked to Nainital Zoo, carried out boating at Naini Lake and thereafter visited Army unit at Kailakhan and Cave Garden. On 25 May 11, children had first experience of outdoor camping that started with a 5 Km trek to Sattal. They were accommodated in premium tents at YMCA camp and were given demonstration and exposure to rock climbing, rappelling, flying fox and river crossing. Children trekked to Snow View Point and subsequently reached Nainital via Rope Way.

Yoga Camp at HQ MC IAF

A Yoga Camp was conducted at Vayu Sena Nagar from 18 - 22 Apr 11 for the air warriors and their families under the guidance of Col (Retd) & Mrs Jog, renowned Yoga specialists. The camp was declared 'open' on 18 Apr 11 by AOC-in-C MC IAF. Mrs Neelima Athawale President AFWWA (R) lit the lamp.

President AFWWA(R) MC IAF inaugurating the yoga camp

The yoga camp was attended by all PSOs, officers, airmen and their families. During the camp, Col (Retd) & Mrs Jog demonstrated and explained various Suksham Vayayam, Pranayam and various other Asanas. The camp helped in improving the mental and physical strength of the participants.

Visit of DGAFMS to Medical Directorate

Lt Gen HL Kakria PVSM AVSM VSM & Bar PHS, Director General Armed Forces Medical Services was invited to visit the Medical Directorate on 28 Jun 11. A detailed presentation on the IAF Medical Services was given highlighting various functions like HR, Med Stores, IT, Health, Medical Boards and Aviation Medicines. The DGAFMS complimented the work being done, specially in the field of IT. He stressed on the need for a patient centric approach in all professional duties. He laid special emphasis on integration with ECHS, development of soft skills, support to operations and modernisation. He also expressed his desire to visit AF hospitals and stations in the near future.

DGMS (Air) presenting the memento to DGAFMS

Inaugural Surgery at CTVS Centre: Command Hospital AF Bangalore

Command Hospital AF Bangalore has added a new dimension to its health care services by starting Cardiothoracic surgery. The first open heart surgery at the hospital was done on 18 April 11 by Air Marshal D Ganguly VSM & Bar PHS, DGMS (Air). The centre is presently doing all types of open heart surgery including coronary artery bypass, grafting and replacement of heart valves. The hospital is committed towards providing comprehensive cardiac care assisted by cutting edge technology, reaffirming its motto "WE CARE".

DGMS (Air) performing surgery

Inauguration of SMC at AF Stn Gandhinagar

The new SMC at Air Force Station Gandhinagar was inaugurated on 02 Jun 11 by Mrs Madhubaala Naik, President AFWWA. The occasion was also graced by members of the AFWWA executive committee, distinguished guests and personnel of the station. The SMC is a state-of-the-art, double storeyed building with 55 rooms and includes the Family Wing, Dental Center and SHO. The project started in June 2009 and was completed by April 2011.

President AFWWA inaugurating the SMC

Health Camp for 'Sanginis' by AFWWA(L) at 9 BRD AF

A Health camp for screening of diabetes, obesity and neuropathy was organised by AFWWA(L) for Sanginis at MI room on 28 May 11. The camp was sponsored by 'VITAMINS COMPANY'. The camp was inaugurated by Mrs Sarita Sood, President AFWWA (L).

Health camp in progress

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL HOB AT AIRMEN MESS 6 WG AF

An 'Electrical Hob' has been installed at Airmen Mess 6 Wg AF for enhancing quality of cooking, hygiene and health of the staff. The system throws out the fumes and oily vapours from the kitchen and simultaneously brings in fresh air from the outside to provide an environment congenial to cooking.

Electrical Hob at airmen mess

PUBLICITY STALL AT NAGPUR ON GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF MAHARASTRA

A programme was organised by District Administration, Nagpur to celebrate Golden Jubilee of Maharashtra state at Kasturchand Park on 01 May 11. The Command Education Section was assigned the task to set up a stall to attract the target groups of Vidarbha region to join the Indian Air Force. A team consisting of C Edn O, Dy C Edn O and eleven PBOR took active part in the event to make it fruitful. The overwhelming response by the aspirants in the stall was visible from the very beginning. Calendars, pamphlets, booklets, stickers, posters, diaries etc. were distributed to them and the queries they raised were answered. The Guardian Minister of the state M. Shivaji Rao Moghe visited the stall and interacted with the Air Force personnel.

Minister visiting the stall

7TH INTER-SERVICES CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011-12 AT AF STN AVADI

The seventh Inter-services Chess Championship was conducted at 23 ED AF from 08 - 13 Jun 11. The Championship was inaugurated by Air Commodore C S Havaldar VSM, Air Officer Commanding Air Force Station Avadi on 08 Jun 11. Three teams representing Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy participated in the Championship. The Indian Air Force team was the winner of the Championship. AOC, AF Stn Avadi gave away the prizes to the winners and congratulated the winning team of Indian Air Force. In his address, the AOC highlighted the values and importance of brotherhood among the services teams by maintaining spirit of sportsmanship. He also highlighted the importance of Chess as a battle of wits and mental faculties.

Participating teams

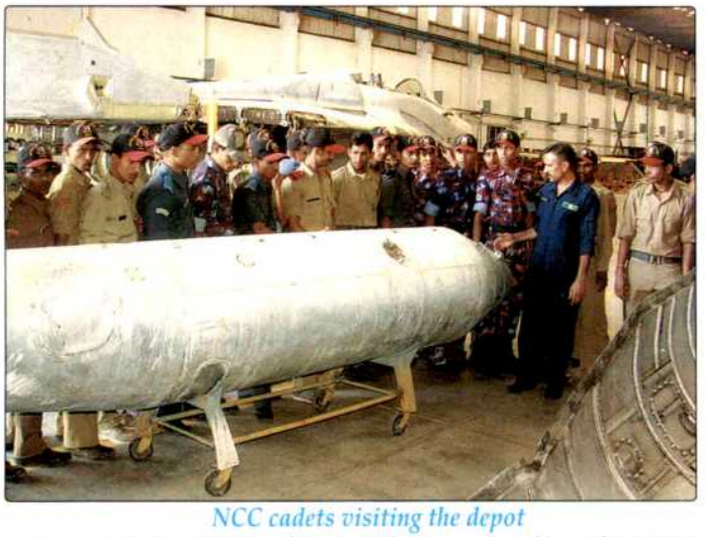
PASSING OUT PARADE AT AF STN TAMBARAM

250 air warriors were inducted into the IAF at a Major Passing Out Parade held at AF Stn Tambaram. The air warriors went through a rigorous training at the two premier institutes of the air base namely Mechanical Training Institute and Workshop Training Institute, before passing out. Air Vice Marshal GP Sharma ACAS (Met) reviewed the parade. The AVM was received by Air Cmde Sanjay Sharma AOC, AF Stn Tambram. The parade was followed by presentation of awards and trophies to the meritorious trainees.

A trainee receiving the award from Reviewing Officer

Visit of NCC Cadets to AF Stn Ojhar

A Team of NCC cadets visited AF Stn Ojhar on 12 May 11. During the visit, cadets were familiarised with various



NCC cadets visiting the depot

tasks undertaken by the depot such as overhauling of MiG-29 aircraft, production of indigenised components of MiG-29 etc.

Drawing and Painting Competition at AF Stn Adampur

A drawing and painting competition was organised by AFWWA(L) at Club Air for the kids of air warriors on 29 May 11 in AF Stn Adampur. The competition was inaugurated by Mrs Vaneeta Fernandez President AFWWA(L). Children of age group between 6-10 years and 11-15 years

Chief guest with prize winners

participated in the events. Attractive prizes were distributed to the winners of the competition by President AFWWA(L).

Workshop on RTI Act at AF Stn Vadodara

Workshop on Right to Information Act was conducted at AF Stn Vadodara from 05 - 06 Apr 11 for units

Participants of workshop

located in SWAC. The aim of this workshop was to provide our personnel with necessary legal competence to handle the issues effectively. The workshop was attended by 25 officers and 30 airmen from units under SWAC.

SU-30 MKI Quality Assurance Conference at 11 Wg AF

Third Quality Assurance Conference of the SU-30 MKI fleet held at 11 Wg AF during May 2011 was chaired by Air Mshl RK Vashisht AVSM, DG (Aircraft). The aim of this conference was to provide a suitable platform for various operators under the same

Quality Assurance Conference in progress

umbrella to share their knowledge and experience. Quality Assurance Conference provides a forum for fleet managers, designers, quality personnel, operators and maintenance personnel to discuss, deliberate and bring synergy for enhanced operational and maintenance safety. The conference enabled the field units to express their concerns and facilitated the representatives of HAL to understand issues from the operator's view point and address them through direct interaction.

रक्षा मंत्रालय की हिंदी सलाहकार समिति की बैठक

रक्षा मंत्रालय की पुनर्गठित हिंदी सलाहकार समिति की 34 वीं बैठक माननीय रक्षा राज्य मंत्री श्री एम एम पल्लम राजू की अध्यक्षता में दिनांक 06 जून 11 को अपराह्न 03.00 बजे साउथ ब्लाक, नई दिल्ली के सम्मेलन कक्ष में सम्पन्न हुई। बैठक में माननीय संसद सदस्य डा0 निर्मल खत्री, प्रोफेसर अल्का बलराम क्षत्रिय सहित राजभाषा हिंदी क्षेत्र के विशिष्ट व्यक्तियों तथा राजभाषा विभाग की सचिव सुश्री वीणा उपाध्याय तथा रक्षा मंत्रालय, सशस्त्र सेना मुख्यालयों तथा अंतर सेवा संगठनों के वरिष्ठ अफसरों ने भाग लिया। इस बैठक में वायुसेना मुख्यालय का प्रतिनिधित्व ए वी एम सत्येन्द्र कुमार, ए सी ए एस (शिक्षा) ने किया। बैठक में माननीय मंत्री जी ने अपने सम्बोधन में कहा कि हमें सभी भारतीय भाषाओं का सम्मान करना चाहिए तथा हिंदी को केन्द्र सरकार के सभी कार्यालयों में उचित स्थान मिलना चाहिए और सरकारी कामकाज में इसका अधिकाधिक प्रयोग होना चाहिए। उन्होंने इस तथ्य का भी उल्लेख किया कि हमारे सैनिक बोलचाल में ज्यादातर हिंदी का ही प्रयोग करते हैं। हिंदी में रक्षा विषयों पर मौलिक पुस्तक लेखन तथा विभागीय हिंदी पत्र–पत्रिकाओं को बढ़ावा देने के लिए नकद पुरस्कार योजनाएं चलाई जा रही हैं। उल्लेखनीय है कि इस अवसर पर रक्षा राज्य मंत्री के कर–कमलों से हिंदी की विभागीय पत्र–पत्रिकाओं संबंधी पुरस्कार योजना के अंतर्गत वर्ष 2006–07 के लिए 410 वा से स्टेशन, बंगलूरू की पत्रिका 'नवज्योति' को 15,000/–रूपए के द्वितीय पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया। यह पुरस्कार 410 वा से स्टेशन के एयर कमोडोर प्रवीण कुमार, वि से मे ने ग्रहण किया। मंत्री जी ने समिति के सभी सदस्यों का आह्वान करते हुए कहा कि उन्हें पूरा विश्वास है कि माननीय सदस्यों की सलाह से हम राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रयोग की दिशा में क्रमिक वृद्धि करने में सफल होंगे।

राजभाषा शील्ड का वितरण

25 से 28 अप्रैल 2011 के दौरान आयोजित 'वायुसेना कमांडर कॉन्फ्रेंस' में माननीय वायुसेनाध्यक्ष एयर चीफ मार्शल प्र व नाईक प वि से मे वि से मे ए डी सी, के कर कमलों से प्रशिक्षण कमान, दक्षिण कमान और अनुरक्षण कमान को राजभाषा हिंदी के प्रचार–प्रसार एवं कार्यान्वयन में सर्वोत्तम कार्य करने के लिए क्रमशः प्रथम, द्वितीय एवं तृतीय स्थान प्राप्त करने पर राजभाषा शील्ड प्रदान की गई। राजभाषा शील्ड प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन हर वर्ष राजभाषा विभाग (गृह मंत्रालय) के निदेशानुसार 'अंतर कमान शील्ड प्रतियोगिता' के अंतर्गत किया जाता है और ये शील्डें संघ की राजभाषा नीति को लागू करने में उत्कृष्ट कार्यों के लिए वायुसेना मुख्यालय द्वारा गठित मूल्यांकन समिति की अनुशंसा के आधार पर प्रदान की जाती हैं।

मनुष्य क्रोध को प्रेम से, पाप को सदाचार से, लोभ को दान से और मिथ्या भाषण को सत्य से जीत सकता है।

–गौतम बुद्ध

वायुसेना मुख्यालय की गृह पत्रिका 'व्योम भारती' का विमोचन

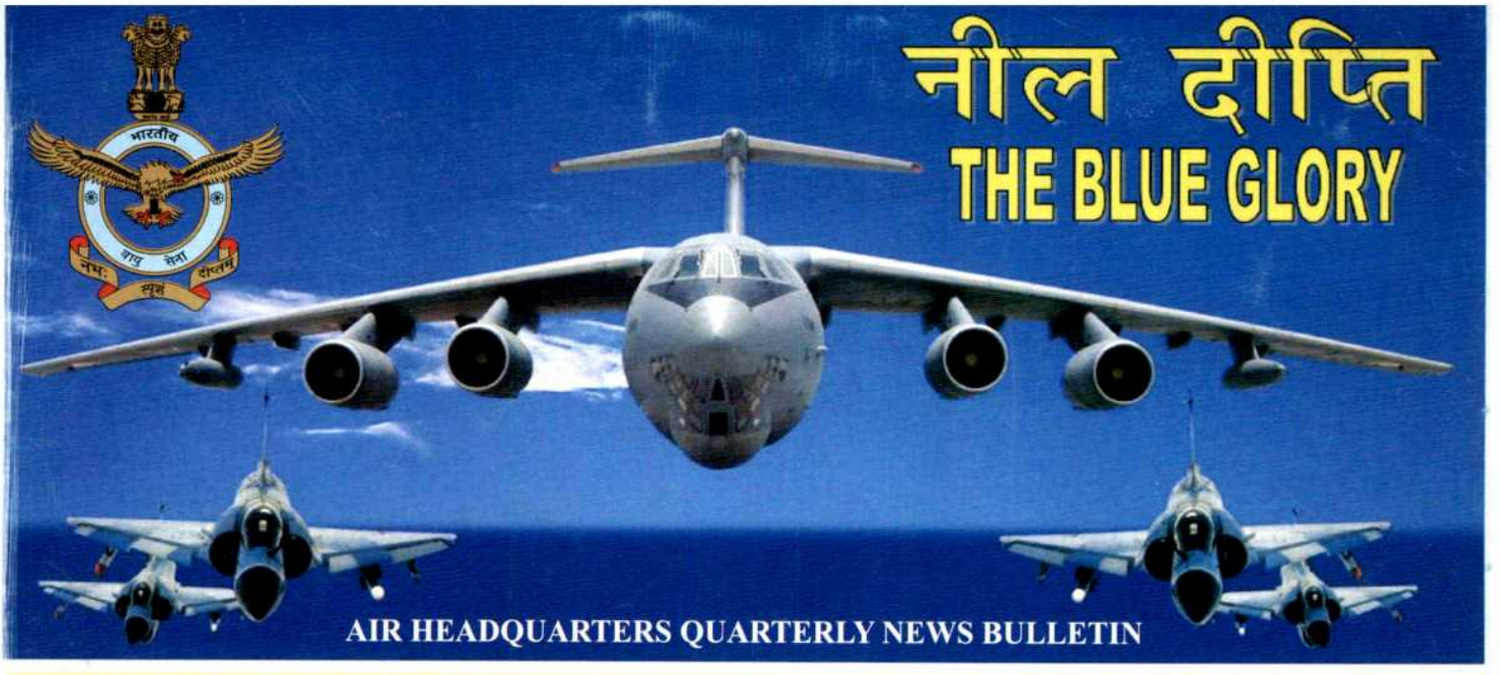
माननीय कार्मिक प्रभारी वायु अफसर एयर मार्शल अनिल चोपड़ा, अ वि से मे वा से मे वि से मे ने 20 अप्रैल 2011 को एक भव्य एवं आकर्षक समारोह में वायुसेना मुख्यालय की गृह–पत्रिका 'व्योम भारती' के चतुर्थ अंक का विमोचन किया। इस अवसर पर ए सी ए एस (शिक्षा) ए वी एम सत्येन्द्र कुमार तथा प्रधान निदेशक (शिक्षा) एयर कमोडोर पवन मलिक एवं ग्रुप कैप्टन डी सी सिक्रोरिया सहित शिक्षा निदेशालय के वरिष्ठ अफसर उपस्थित हुए। 'व्योम भारती' वायुसेना मुख्यालय से प्रकाशित की जाने वाली एकमात्र ऐसी पत्रिका है, जिसमें संपूर्ण वायुसेना के रचनाकारों को अपनी रचनाओं के माध्यम से हिंदी में मौलिक लेखन तथा अभिव्यक्ति का सुअवसर मिलता है।

कार्मिक प्रभारी वायु अफसर द्वारा 'व्योम भारती' का विमोचन

हिंदी निरीक्षण, हिंदी कार्यशालाएं तथा राजभाषा कार्यान्वयन समिति की बैठकों का आयोजन

वर्ष 2011–12 में हिंदी के प्रचार–प्रसार पर विशेष बल देने के उद्देश्य से शिक्षा निदेशालय द्वारा पहली बार मुख्यालय स्तर पर वायुसेना मुख्यालय के पांच कमान मुख्यालयों का राजभाषायी निरीक्षण किया गया। इसके अतिरिक्त 07 स्टेशन/यूनिटों का भी राजभाषायी निरीक्षण किया गया। निरीक्षण के दौरान इन कार्यालयों को राजभाषा नीति के अनुपालन के लिए उचित मार्गदर्शन दिया गया और उसके कार्यान्वयन में हुई प्रगति की भी समीक्षा की गई। वायुसेना मुख्यालय में 20–24 जून 2011 तक लिपिकों/क्लर्क जी डी आदि के लिए हिंदी कार्यशाला आयोजित की गई। इस कार्यशाला का उद्देश्य वायुसेना मुख्यालय के कार्मिकों को हिंदी में कार्य करने के लिए प्रशिक्षित करना है ताकि वे अपना सरकारी कामकाज हिंदी में करने में सक्षम हो सकें। 15 जून 2011 को वायुसेना मुख्यालय की राजभाषा समिति की बैठक का आयोजन माननीय सहायक वायुसेनाध्यक्ष (शिक्षा) की अध्यक्षता में किया गया। इस बैठक में शिक्षा निदेशालय के वरिष्ठ अफसरों के अतिरिक्त वायुसेना मुख्यालय के सभी शाखा समन्वय अफसरों एवं निदेशालयों के वरिष्ठ अफसरों ने भाग लिया। अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में माननीय ए सी ए एस महोदय ने वायुसेना मुख्यालय में हिंदी के प्रगामी प्रयोग के लिए अपने सुझाव देते हुए इस बात पर बल दिया कि सभी अधिकारी/कार्मिक हिंदी के उत्तरोतर विकास के प्रति समर्पित भाव से काम करें।

राष्ट्र के एकीकरण के लिए सर्वमान्य भाषा से अधिक बलशाली कोई तत्व नहीं है। मेरे विचार से हिंदी ही ऐसी भाषा है। –लोकमान्य तिलक



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NEW AIR CHIEF ASSUMES OFFICE

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC took over as the 23rd Chief of the Air Staff on 01 Aug 11 from Air Chief Marshal PV Naik PVSM VSM ADC, who retired after 42 years of illustrious service. Air Chief Marshal Browne was a member of the initial core team which trained on the Jaguar aircraft in the United Kingdom and went on to command a premier Jaguar strike squadron. He is a Fighter Combat Leader and a graduate of the Air Command and Staff College, Alabama, USA. He has had instructional tenures at the premier flying establishment, Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE) and the tri-services Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington.

In a career spanning 39 years, he has held various operational and staff appointments that include Joint Director at Air War Strategy Cell at Air Headquarters, Chief Operations Officer and Air Officer Commanding of a SU-30 base, Air-I at Western Air Command and Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Intelligence) at Air HQ. He was also responsible for establishing the Indian Defence Wing in Tel Aviv, Israel in April 1997, where he served as the Defence Attache till July 2000. From 01 Mar 07 to 31 May 09, he was the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS) at Air Headquarters and was responsible for IAF's modernisation programmes. Before taking over as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) at Air Headquarters on 01 Jan 11, he was the AOC-in-C of WAC IAF.

Handing/Taking over of CAS

In his address to the Air Force, Air Chief Marshal Browne said, "The IAF is well poised on the path of transforming itself into a potent strategic force." Outlining his vision statement for the IAF of 'People First Mission Always', he said, "While induction of the state-of-the-art equipment and systems would lead to a major upgradation of our combat potential, our biggest strength, 'Our People' must receive our highest attention. In whatever capacity you serve in the Indian Air Force, you remain our most valuable asset.

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I firmly believe that each one of us has a duty to care and look after the people placed under our charge. It is a sacred calling, for all leaders, men and women, irrespective of the rank and position. Our endeavour should be to empower our subordinates, by giving them required operating skills through dedicated training and mentoring. While change is the hallmark of growth and progress, the biggest challenge facing us in the coming years is to manage this fast paced change effectively, without compromising on high operational standards. Operating across a broad spectrum of vintage equipment would test our innovativeness and capabilities. The nation has reposed a high degree of trust and confidence in our capabilities. It is indeed an onerous asking and I am confident that as capable men and women we will work shoulder to shoulder in discharging our responsibilities befittingly."

CAS reviewing Guard of Honour

From the Editor

Dear Readers,

The latest issue of 'The Blue Glory' is in your hands. The editorial team feels it a privilege to cover Change of Guard and Independence Day celebration along with its regular features.

The excellent inputs from all the Units/Stns have again made our endeavour a success. We have taken utmost care to include as many inputs as possible to make this issue an enjoyable and informative read.

We eagerly seek your valuable opinion and suggestions for making this news bulletin more impressive.

Good wishes.
Jai Hind

NATION CELEBRATES 64TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

The Nation celebrated its 65th Independence Day with pomp and pageantry on 15 Aug 11. At 0730h the Prime Minister unfurled the national flag. Rashtriya Salute was presented by a combined Inter-Services and Police Guard of Honour Contingent. The AF contingent commander for National Flag Guard of Honour was Sqn Ldr S Sridhar. The President of India laid a wreath at Amar Jawan Jyoti at India Gate at 1130h. An Inter-Services Guard of Honour presented arms. The AF Contingent for the outer guard was commanded by Sqn Ldr Uday P Pote.

PM reviewing Guard of Honour

Longest Flight by IAF Aircraft

Super Hercules C-130J aircraft is a tactical airlift aircraft inducted into 77 Sqn AF, the first dedicated special operations sqn of the IAF. It can fly extended ranges due to its enhanced fuel carrying capacity and low fuel consumption. On 21 Jun 11, during one such long range mission, two C-130J aircraft of 77 Sqn successfully flew non-stop for 9h 45m from Rome to Muscat, setting a record for the longest flight without refuelling by any IAF aircraft. The sortie was preceded by meticulous and extensive pre flight planning. The exercise was undertaken after arriving at the optimum value of fuel consumption to successfully accomplish the mission within the

CO with team members

ambit of flight safety. Aero medical aspects typical to such long range flights and human factors like fatigue were addressed by carrying additional crew members. The achievement marks the first of many such flights that the unit is destined to achieve.

Flood Relief in North-East by IAF

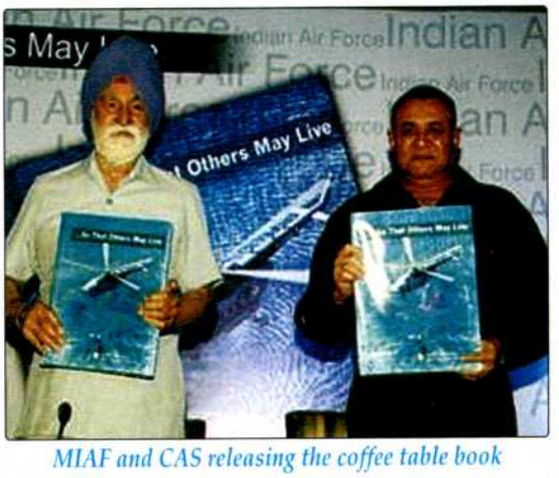
The banks of Ghai River in the general area of Dokobari village, about 20 kms from Dhemaji town, were recently washed away by floods. About 300 villagers were marooned in the village. The state authorities of Assam requested Eastern Air Command IAF to evacuate the villagers marooned by the floods. EAC pressed its Mohanbari based helicopters to carry out flood relief operations. The first helicopter was airborne within an hour of notice in the afternoon for Dhemaji town in bad weather and poor visibility conditions. After landing at Dhemaji town helipad, the SP (Dhemaji) was taken onboard who guided the helicopter to the rescue site.

IAF in flood relief operations

The helicopters rescued seven survivors stranded in waist deep water in the midst of the floods by carrying out low hover and landing on extremely small high ground patches in the flooded area. Besides, relief material was also delivered to the flood hit areas.

Release of IAF Coffee Table Book

The Indian Air Force exists to fight and win wars. It also delivers a healing touch during crisis and calamity. Outlining this very essence, the CAS released a 214-page coffee table book on the IAF, aptly titled **'So That Others May Live'** at a brief function held at New Delhi on 23 Jun 11. Compiled by Dte of Operations (MPR), the book chronicles hitherto unseen moments of succour IAF has rendered from as early as 1939 till date.



MIAF and CAS releasing the coffee table book

Accounts contained in this book are historical in significance because they contain a key narrative of the efforts that have built this nation.

Restoration of Vintage Aircraft at UK

Over two years ago, the IAF initiated a project to restore its vintage aircraft to operational state. The project, managed by Dte of Ops (MPR), achieved a major milestone in June this year when a Tiger Moth and a Harvard of IAF Vintage Aircraft Flight reached the hangars of M/S Reflight Air Works at United Kingdom. If all goes according to plan, these aircraft will again fly over the Indian skies by June 2013. Soon to follow on this path will be jewels like the only

A vintage Tiger Moth aircraft

surviving airframe of the Wapiti II A, the sole fly-worthy Tempest and a Spitfire with a kill in the Battle of Britain.

IMMOLS System Administrator Course at Air HQ

The Directorate of IMMOLS & MIS has been conducting regular training of IMMOLS system administrators and capsule courses for IMMOLS orientation since September 2005. Till date, 851 officers from Lgs, AE and Accts branches, 537 airmen and 45 civilians have been trained.

Participants of IMMOLS sys & admin course

The recent IMMOLS systems administrator course was held from 05 - 09 Sep 11. A total of 21 officers of Lgs branch and one airman from IAM underwent the training.

Life Extension Programme for AN-32 Aircraft

Air Marshal PV Athawale PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C, MC IAF inaugurated the commencement of the AN-32 Life Extension Programme at AF Stn Chakeri on

AOC-in-C, MC inaugurating the TTCLE programme

21 Jun 11. AN-32 aircraft was inducted in IAF in 1984 and has a Total Technical Calendar Life (TTCL) of 25 years. The 'Total Technical Calendar Life Extension (TTCLE)' programme at 1 BRD envisages extending its TTCL upto 40 years. The replacement of obsolete equipment with modern equipment alongside the Life Extension Programme has also been planned. Recently, the first batch of five aircraft has returned to India after life extension at manufacturer's facility in Ukraine. Pilots and technical staff have been trained at manufacturer's facility and are now geared up to assume the onerous task indigenously at Kanpur.

Communication Workshop at 14 BRD AF

A workshop on ADGES Communication Equipment and IMT system was organised at 14 BRD AF from 05-07 Sep 11. 117 Air Warriors from different field units of EAC IAF participated in this workshop. Topics covered during the workshop were Basic Networking, Bulk Encryptor, AFNET, Quality Assurance, Documentation and Logistic Procedure etc.

Workshop in progress

143RD FIGHTER CONTROLLERS' COURSE

Fighter Controllers' Course is a specialist course conducted at Air Defence College and is designed to impart ab-initio training on conduct of Air Defence operations to newly commissioned officers of administration branch. The college was raised in 1958 and women officers were first inducted in Fighter Controllers' stream in 1996.

An impressive ceremony was held at Air Defence College on 17 Jun 11 to mark the conclusion of the 143rd Fighter Controllers' Course. The occasion was also a landmark in the history of Air Defence College as it was for the first time that all the three trophies of the course were bagged by women officers.

The valedictory function was presided over by Air Vice Marshal A Javeed AVSM VSM, ACAS (AF Works). Eleven officers who successfully completed the course received fighter controllers' brevet and course completion certificate from the chief guest. A guest night was organised at Officers' Mess in which the chief guest handed over the trophies and medals to the meritorious trainees. Fg Offr Loveleen Bakhshi who stood first in the order of merit in the course received two trophies, Central Air Command trophy for best overall performance and Central Air Command trophy for best performance in ground subjects. Fg Offr Kalpana Rautela won Central Air Command trophy for best in practical training.

Prize winners with chief guest

Addressing the young officers, the chief guest stated that air defence is undergoing a phase of transformation with induction of new state-of-the-art weapon systems and networking technology. He urged the officers to continuously work towards updating their knowledge so that they would be prepared to exploit the new systems to their optimum potential.

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION AT 1 TETTRA SCHOOL

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After five weeks of professional training on MiG-29 aircraft for 05 F (P) officers and 12 weeks training for Propulsion Fitters, a valedictory function was held at 1 TETTRA School AF on 09 Sep 11. Gp Capt S Dargar Station Commander 1 TETTRA School was the chief guest on the occasion.

Chief guest giving away the certificates to the winners

He presented competency certificates and trophies to all course participants. Flt Lt Suresh Razdan F (P) and WO P Singh Eng Fit were awarded AOM medals and merit certificates.

11th COMMAND ORIENTATION CAPSULE

Directorate of Training conducts Bi-annual Command Orientation Capsules with an aim to appraise new commanders about the functioning of various directorates of Air HQ. The capsule provides an opportunity to the field commanders to interact with various directorates and gather inputs which would facilitate them to function efficiently as AOsC/Station Commanders. 11th Command Orientation Capsule was conducted from 14 - 17 Jun 11 at Air HQ. A total of 14 officers participated in the capsule. The capsule was inaugurated by AVM Amit Aneja AVSM VM VSM, ACAS (Trg). Presentations and interactive sessions were conducted by seventeen specialist Directorates of Air HQ. A special session on leadership was undertaken by C-Labs. Commanders also interacted with the VCAS, AOP and DG Air Ops.

Command orientation capsule course in progress

Education Conference for Principals of Air Force Schools at AF Auditorium

Education conference was conducted for Principals of Secondary and Senior Secondary AF Schools at AF Auditorium, New Delhi from 19-22 Jul 11. Command Education Officers also attended the programme. Air Marshal Naresh Verma AVSM VSM, DG (Wks & Cer) inaugurated the Education Conference on 19 Jul 11 by lighting the traditional lamp. National University of Education Planning & Administration, New Delhi provided academic support by detailing resource persons of national and international repute.

Conference in progress

Mrs Madhubaala Naik, President AFWWA graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest. She emphasised the role and importance of AF School Principals in establishing the AF School as a centre of excellence.

Air Force Schools Conference at HQ TC IAF

A conference of Education Officers/ Principals/ HMs of AF Schools was held at JK Seth Hall of HQ Training Command IAF from 21 - 23 Sep 11. Flt Cdrs Edn Flt and OsIC AF Schools of Stations and units under TC attended the conference from 21- 23 Sep 11 and Principals / HMs of AF Schools joined the conference on 23 Sep 11. The purpose of this conference was to create synergy amongst Flt Cdrs Edn Flt/ OsIC AF Schools to look after the Stn Edn Flt, improve the quality of education in AF Schools and improve the board exam results.

Participants of conference

The opening address of the conference was delivered by AVM MK Malik VSM, SOA, HQ TC IAF. The conference was chaired by Gp Capt BCS Bharathi C Edn O, HQ TC.

Fourteen Edn Officers from units under TC and ten Principals/ HMs of AF Schools participated in the conference. Gp Capt Suresh Kumar (Rep of Air HQ), Dr Ali Kwaja, a renowned educationist, PF commissioner, Joint Director from ESI, Rep of Institute of Quality, an arm of Confederation of Indian Industries, were amongst the guest speakers.

Air Force Common Admission Test (AFCAT) - August 2011

AFCAT - August 2011 was successfully conducted on 28 Aug 11 at 65 centers spread all over India. More than 40,000 candidates appeared in the exam. The aim of AFCAT is to select suitable candidates, both men and women, for SSC (Flying), PC & SSC (Technical) and PC & SSC (Ground duties). The candidates have to appear in a single Common Screening Test and can give their preference for more than one branch. Candidates who qualify AFCAT and are eligible for flying and engineering branches are administered PABT & EKT.

Candidates appearing in AFCAT

Network Security and Information Warfare Course

Keeping in view the paramount importance of an establishment in implementing Information Security, a four week Network Security & Information Warfare Course was organised for Air Warriors from all units of HQ EAC IAF at Air Force Station Missamari from 01-29 Jul 11. The purpose of the course was to provide a training platform and to imbibe confidence in effectively handling cyber security threat. Extending such an opportunity to the Air Warriors has enabled them to absorb the latest technology and to further enhance the operational capabilities of IAF. Air Force Station Missamari now conducts four such courses in a year. The first two weeks course is conducted by Instructors from NIIT Kolkata and next two weeks by Air Force instructors.

Course in progress

69TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF IAFBA

The IAF Benevolent Association (IAFBA) held its 69th Managing Council and Annual General Body Meeting on

CAS addressing the general body meeting of IAFBA

16 Sep 11. The meeting was presided over by Chief of the Air Staff and was attended by a large section of officers, airmen and NCs(E) including representatives from all Commands. The CAS released a guide booklet for serving and retired Air Warriors and their families for availing the admissible benefits.

DMRR WORKSHOP AT 805 SU AF

A workshop on DMRR was conducted at 805 SU AF on 27 & 28 Sep 11. Representatives from all DMRR / MCT holding units participated in the Workshop. The workshop was inaugurated by Air Marshal Arup Raha AVSM VM, SASO, WAC IAF on 27 Sep 11. The Workshop addressed various issues commonly faced by units during deployment, fault management and preventive maintenance practices to be followed in order to exploit maximum potential of new equipment and to maintain the fully operational status of DMRR.

SASO, WAC inaugurating the Workshop

VISIT OF AOP AS FIRST COMMODORE COMMANDANT TO AFA

Air Marshal Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, AOP visited Air Force Academy on 15 Sep 11 as the first Commodore Commandant. During his interaction with Air Warriors, he lauded the efforts in training cadets. In his address he conveyed

AOP visiting museum

his appreciation over the efforts put in to make AFA a premier training establishment and advised the Air Warriors to strive hard in their future endeavours.

VISIT OF ACAS (I) TO 35 WG AF

AVM NJS Dhillon ACAS(I) visited 35 Wg AF on 23 Jun 11 for DASI inspection. During the visit of 23 Sqn AF, he interacted with the Air Warriors and addressed them about the issues of Operations and Aerospace Safety.

ACAS (I) interacting with pilots

Provost, Security and Intelligence Conference at HQ EAC IAF

Air Marshal S Varthaman AVSM VM VSM, AOC -in- C, EAC IAF inaugurated a two-day conference on Provost, Security and Intelligence at HQ EAC on 05 Sep 11. The conference deliberated on issues of critical relevance towards strengthening security and intelligence setup in EAC AOR. It comprised brain-storming sessions, discussions on case studies and interactive session involving eminent civil police, paramilitary officials and professors of NEHU apart from security officers of strategic bases of EAC. An exhibition of modern security equipment was also organised during the conference.

AOC-in-C, EAC inaugurating the conference

One of the main objectives of the conference was to explore possibilities of innovative ideas and methods to improve the existing mechanism on crime prevention, crisis management and investigation methodology. AVM KS Gill AVSM YSM VM, SOA, HQ EAC IAF in his closing address advised all the officers to keep constant vigil and maintain close liaison with civil police, paramilitary and intelligence agencies.

Visit of AOC-in-C TC IAF to AFAC

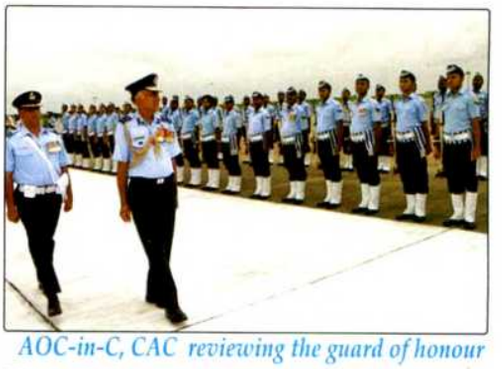
Air Marshal Dhiraj Kukreja AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C, TC IAF accompanied by his wife Mrs Neerja Kukreja, President AFWWA (R) visited Air Force Administrative College Coimbatore on 12 & 13 Sep 11. During his visit all key personnel were introduced by Commandant, AFAC. He visited various sections, training faculties/squadrons /flights of AFAC. He interacted with personnel and officers undergoing various courses at the College. He laid the foundation stone for married accommodation of MES key personnel. He complimented the staff for their continued efforts towards quest for excellence in training.

AOC-in-C, TC laying the foundation stone

He also visited 6 AF Hospital and complimented the staff for the best possible medical care being provided to service personnel, ex-servicemen and their families.

Visit of AOC-in-C CAC IAF to AF Stn Nagpur

Air Marshal GS Kochar PVSM AVSM VM ADC, AOC-in-C, CAC IAF visited AF Stn Nagpur on 08 Sep 11. He was accompanied by his wife, Mrs Munmun Kochar, President, AFWWA (R). They were received by Air Cmde SW Gosewade VM, AOC, AF Stn Nagpur and Mrs Neeta Gosewade, President AFWWA (L). Subsequently, the Air Marshal reviewed a Guard of Honour. He was also briefed about the operational, maintenance and administrative aspects of the station. The AOC-in-C addressed all officers, airmen, DSC personnel and civilian staff of the station and appreciated them for their excellent performance. He urged all Air Warriors to enhance their professional excellence to keep pace with latest technology and equipment being inducted in the Indian Air Force.


AOC-in-C, CAC reviewing the guard of honour

Visit of ACAS (Trg) to MTTI AF

Air Vice Marshal Amit Aneja AVSM VM VSM, ACAS (Trg) visited MTTI AF on 03 Aug 11. He was received by Air Cmde CS Havaldar VSM, AOC, 23 ED AF, Gp Capt J Manacherry, CO, MTTI AF and other senior officers of AF Stn Avadi. He inspected various sections of MTTI and appreciated the training procedure being followed at the institute. During his interaction with the trainees and staff, the ACAS (Trg) expressed his happiness on the emphasis given to the core values of the Air Force by AF Stn Avadi and appreciated the dedicated efforts by each individual at grass root level.

Briefing being given to ACAS (Trg)

First IAF Women Skydiving Team

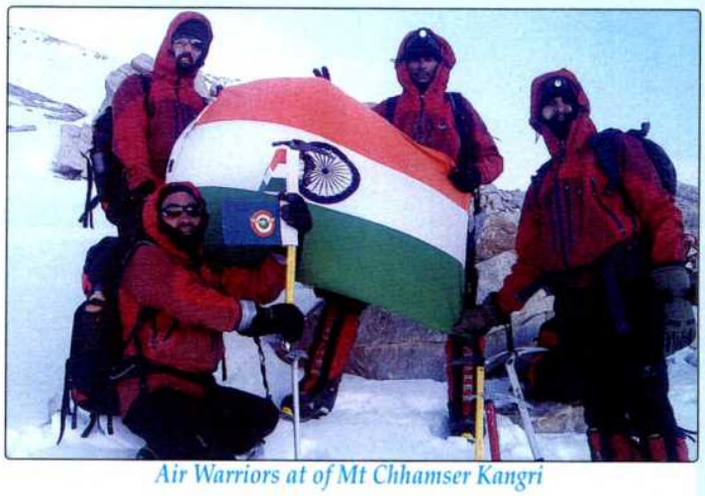
The saga of skydiving is intriguing and alluring. Not very long ago skydivers could be categorised as one who are para jump instructors or those who are die-hard adventurers. IAF has now a new amalgam - parajumpers, who now skydive, are part of adventure sports and are into competitive sports too. Six lady officers, the first IAF all-women formation skydiving team, have emblazoned their mark over the vast blue expanse.

First IAF all women skydiving team in action

On 26 Jun 11, a troop of 14 skydivers including 06 women officers flew across the proverbial seven seas for 45 days long training on formation skydiving. At Skydive Arizona, the largest dropzone in the world, the team received world class premium training and graduated from being novice skydivers to professional skydivers. Skydiving has now been taken to an altogether new high by this group of daring women. They are all revved-up to participate in competitive skydiving events in the World Military Parachuting Championships. The team comprises of Wg Cdr Asha Jyothirmai, Sqn Ldr Sangita Paulraj, Flt Lt Priyanka Shadangi, Flt Lt Nisha Goverdhan, Flt Lt Rupal Thakur and Flt Lt Priyanka Hooda.

IAF Alpine Style Mountaineering Expedition

Indian Air Force has added another feather to its cap with the successful alpine style ascent of Mt Chhamser Kangri in Ladakh by seven Air Warriors on 19 Sep 11. After the successful alpine ascent of Mt Rudragaira (5885M) in May 2011, a 12 member IAF team was flagged off on 08 Sep 11 for an alpine style mountaineering expedition to the twin peaks of Mt Lungser Kangri (6666M) and Mt Chhamser Kangri (6632M).



Air Warriors at of Mt Chhamser Kangri

Braving sub-zero temperatures and strong winds, seven members of the team scaled Mt Chhamser Kangri on 19 Sep 11. An attempt to scale Mt Lungser Kangri was made on 21 Sep 11 but had to be called off due to inclement weather. The twin peaks are ideal for Alpine style mountaineering, consuming less number of days and challenging an individual's physical stamina and technical skills. The IAF is now ready to take on the next higher challenge, that is to place the IAF Flag on other virgin peaks in the Ladakh region.

Advanced Powered Hang Glider Air Experience Camp at 34 WG AF

Advanced Powered Hang Glider Air Experience Camp was conducted by Dte of AF Adv at 34 Wg AF from 12 - 15 Sep 11 during the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of 17 Sqn AF.

Advanced PHG during motivational air experience

More than 100 students, Air Warriors and their families were given motivational air experience in Advanced Powered Hang Glider by Sqn Ldr Ramakant.

INTER SERVICES LAWN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

64th Inter Services Lawn Tennis Championship 2011-12 was conducted at 3 Wg AF from 12 - 15 Sep 11. The IAF Lawn Tennis team beat the Indian Navy team and emerged as winner after a span of 10 years.

IAF Team-Champion of Inter Services Lawn Tennis Championship

The IAF players performed exceptionally well in the tournament. Sgt Arvind Sharma stood first in the tournament. Based on their performance, four IAF players were selected to represent Services team in National Lawn Tennis Championship 2011-12. The selected players are Sqn Ldr C Hari, Sgt Arvind Sharma, Sgt KM Nath and AC (U/T) Bharat Bhardwaj.

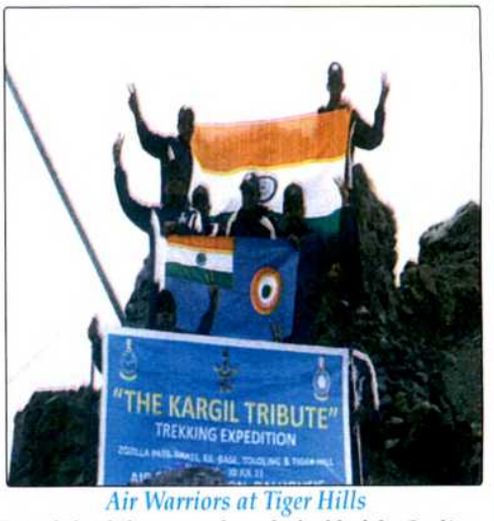
WAC INTER AF SCHOOL TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

WAC Inter AF School Table Tennis Tournament for Boys & Girls was organised at AF Stn Sarsawa from 08-11 Aug 11. Five different AF Schools under WAC participated in the tournament. The trophy was won by AF School Ambala and runners up trophy went to AF School Hindan. Mr Sandeep from AF School Hindan was declared best all-rounder amongst boys & Ms Sonalika from AF School Jammu was declared best all-rounder amongst girls.

Tournament in progress

IAF PAYS TRIBUTE TO KARGIL MARTYRS

A trekking expedition "The Kargil Tribute" was undertaken by a team of 10 Air Warriors of AF Stn Dalhousie in Drass sector from 20 - 30 Jul 11. The trek includes Zozilla Pass, Tololing Top, Tiger Hill, Kill Base, Mushdoh Valley and Loc Bimbat at altitudes ranging from 11000 ft - 17600 ft. On 26 Jul 11, the team visited Drass War Memorial and paid tributes to the Kargil War Martyrs. Sqn Ldr R Rajesh laid the wreath on behalf of the Indian Air Force.



Air Warriors at Tiger Hills

AIR FORCE TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011-12

Air Force Table Tennis Championship 2011-12 was held at 413 AF Stn Tambaram from 12-16 Sep 11. A total of 27 players from 07 Commands participated in the Championship. Maintenance Command Table Tennis Team won the Championship. Wg Cdr P Radhakrishnan of WAC won the Open Singles Trophy. Gp Capt MV Shivaram Stn Cdr 413 AF Station Tambaram gave away medals, certificates and trophies to the winners.

Champion team with trophy

NEW PRESIDENT AFWWA TAKES OVER

Mrs Kiran Browne took over as President AFWWA with effect from 01 Aug 11 from Mrs Madhubaala Naik. Mrs Browne earlier held the appointment of Vice President AFWWA. Mrs Browne has been an active member of AFWWA in her various capacities and has rendered yeoman service to the organisation. Welfare of the families of Air Warriors is very close to her heart and she has worked towards improving the quality of life of Sanginis. Her focus has been on empowerment and equipping women to handle the challenges of life by providing them practical education in English, Computers and Vocational training.

Handing/Taking over AFWWA President

FREE HEALTH CHECK UP CAMP FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN AT AF STN KANHERI HILLS

A medical camp for general medical examination of special children of 'Dharmaveer Anand Dighe ZIDD Special School', Vasant Vihar, Thane was organised by AFWWA (L) AF Stn Kanheri Hills from 10-12 Aug 11. President AFWWA (L) inaugurated the camp and distributed gifts and sweets to the children.

President AFWWA (L) inaugurating the medical camp

A total 130 children with ailments like Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Spastic, Autism and Congenital Deformity were medically examined. Checks for common ailments, dental inspection and curative/preventive measures were prescribed during the camp. A lecture-cum- demo on 'General care for special children' was also organised by the Medical Officer for the parents and teachers.

HEPATITIS 'B' VACCINATION CAMP AT AF STN BARRACKPORE

In an attempt to innoculate all ladies and children who have not had their hepatitis 'B' vaccination at birth, a vaccination camp was organised by AFWWA (L) AF Stn Barrackpore on 05 & 06 Sep 11 at Family Welfare Centre. There was a good response by Sanginis to make this AFWWA initiative successful. A large number of children and Sanginis benefitted from this camp.

Check-up under progress during camp

CONDUCT OF INFORMATIVE LECTURE ON USE OF LPG AT 26 ED AF

An informative lecture on use of LPG was organised on 07 Sep 11 for members of AFWWA (L) 26 ED AF. A representative from 'Sainath Safety Solutions' delivered an informative talk on the subject. During the talk, emphasis was laid on precautionary measures to be taken , various rules on usages of LPG, preservation of documents, action to be taken for loss of documents etc. He suggested that the members use only ISI certified components and products.

LPG demonstration at 24 ED AF

CME on Recent Trends in Management of Sepsis

Antibiotics alone are inadequate to combat the bugbear of infection and proper adherence to protocol and procedures are required to overcome it. This theme was highlighted in the two day Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme held on 16 & 17 Jul 11 at CHAF Bangalore on "Recent Trends in Management of Sepsis". The programme was inaugurated by Air Marshal D Ganguly VSM & Bar PHS, DGMS (Air). He emphasised the importance of practicing aseptic practices and universal precautions in reducing the incidence of Hospital Acquired Infections.

CME in progress

Joint Walk-2011 at CHAF Bangalore

Joint Walk -2011 was organised at Command Hospital on 16 Jul 11. It was flagged off by Air Marshal D Ganguly VSM & Bar PHS, DGMS (Air). Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore has been performing Joint Replacement surgeries over the last decade but only in the last three years due to improved awareness in clientele, introduction of state of art technology and expertise, the number of these surgeries has risen exponentially. The hospital has performed more than 500 joint replacements in the last three years. During the event more than 200 patients who had undergone Joint Replacement Surgery came for their annual clinical review.

Flag off by DGMS (Air)

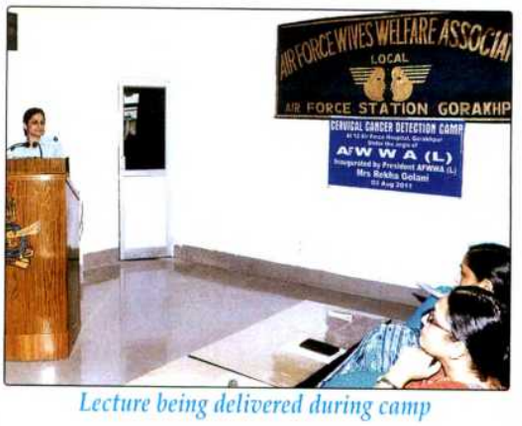
CME on Dengue and Chikungunya by AFCME and MCD Delhi

A CME on Dengue and Chikungunya was organised on 03 Sep 11 by Dept of Medicine, AFCME in collaboration with Municipal Corporation of Delhi. This was aimed at increasing awareness among Air Force medical officers on these common vector borne diseases. The CME was inaugurated by Air Marshal DP Joshi, DGMS (Air) who also released a CD on Dengue and Chikungunya. Dr NK Yadav Director Health, MCD and Dr BN Nagpal Dy Director National Institute of Malaria Research participated in the CME. An exhibition on Dengue, its vector and prevention was also organised by MCD in collaboration with SHO Shakur Basti.

Demonstration during awareness camp

Cervical Cancer Detection Camp at 17 WG AF

12 AFH has started a campaign to detect cervical cancer among the ladies of AF Stn Gorakhpur and GRD Center. The activities are being carried during the months of August and September. Mrs Rekha Golani, President, AFWWA (L) inaugurated the campaign on 03 Aug 11. Wg Cdr S Mitra, gynecologist and Flt Lt Anvita Bhansali gave informative and thought provoking talks. Cervical Cancer Vaccine, against the Human Pappiloma Virus, is recommended by the US Food and Drug Regulating Authority for ladies between 9-26 years of age.



Lecture being delivered during camp

GOOD SHOW !

AC (U/T) Suman Debnath

AC (U/T) Suman Debnath, Auto Tech presently undergoing training at MTTI AF was returning from mid-course leave. During his train journey, he displayed exemplary courage in tackling anti-social elements. During the course of journey by Howrah-Chennai Mail on 09 Jul 11, his mobile cover fell down under the berth. While searching for the mobile cover, he sensed a foul smell emanating from under the seat. He noticed a bag packed with Ganja. He searched and found four more bags stowed underneath the berth at different places in the same coach. Realising the sensitivity, he apprised the TTE on board and requested him to inform GRPF at the next railway station. Meanwhile, a middle-aged man came and claimed those bags. When stopped from taking away the bags he started misbehaving with the trainee. Debnath alongwith his co-passenger trainees physically restrained the individual from escaping and handed him over to the waiting RPF team at the station. The RPF confiscated the bags, weighing approx 90 kgs and took the man into custody. The SSP available at the station appreciated the trainee for his intelligence and act of bravery.

WORKSHOP ON STRESS MANAGEMENT AT AF STN NAGPUR

A workshop on 'Stress Management' was conducted at 44 Wg AF under the aegis of AFWWA (L) AF Stn Nagpur on 28 Jul 11. During the workshop, a lecture on 'Stress Management' was delivered by eminent psychiatrist Dr Sagar Chiddhawar M D (Psychology), who is a qualified specialist from KEM Medical College Mumbai. He is also a visiting psychiatrist at HQ MC IAF. Dr Sagar Chiddarwar was welcomed by Air Cmde SW Gosewade VM AOC AF Stn Nagpur and Mrs Neeta Gosewade, President AFWWA(L). The lecture was highly informative for the personnel as it provided useful hints to handle their routine strenuous work and living environment.

Workshop in progress

DERMATOLOGY CAMP AT AF STN TAMBARAM

A Dermatology Camp was organised at AF Stn Tambaram in association with Tagore Medical College & Hospital, Chennai on 09 Sep 11 for Air Warriors, civilians and their families. The event was inaugurated by Air Cmde Sanjay Sharma, AOC, AF Stn Tambaram. Gp Capt AK Mishra, SMO delivered the keynote address, stressing the importance of healthy skin. A lecture on "How to improve your skin for Radiant Look" was delivered by Dr. Nerita Hazarika. 325 personnel and their families were examined for various skin disorders. Free medicines were issued to the patients by Tagore Medical College & Hospital, Chennai.

AOC with civil doctors during camp

FAST TRACK SELECTION AT AF STN BHUJ

Fast Track Selection was conducted at Air Force Station Bhuj on 06 Aug 11. Publicity for creating awareness about career prospects in Indian Air Force was done well in advance in and around Bhuj area, covering Lakhpat and Gandhidham regions. A team of officers and Air Warriors were detailed for reception, registration and conduct of written examination. Those who qualified in the initial screening test were short-listed and a team of psychologists conducted PP&DT (Picture Perception and Discussion Test) and Group Discussion Test. They were further short-listed for appearing before AFSB.

Selection Test in progress

OFFICERS' INDUCTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

In order to disseminate career related information on officers' cadre and to motivate youth to consider IAF as a lucrative career option, various publicity efforts are being

Students interacting with AF personnel

undertaken at Air HQs and other IAF formations. Besides coordinating with educational institutions across the nation for conduct of motivational lectures for the students, Air HQ Publicity Cell also liaises with various organisers / event managers for allotment of publicity stall during career/educational fairs. The field units are then assigned the task to participate in the events. The field units play a pivotal role in enhancing awareness through conduct of motivational lectures and participation in career fairs. During the quarter, the IAF has participated in 37 career fairs held all over the country.

ADVISORY PAMPHLET FOR AIR FORCE PERSONNEL

A detailed pamphlet, containing existing instructions on pensionary benefits, alongwith calculation table on "check your pension" in respect of IAF pensioners has been uploaded on the Air Force Website **www.iaf.nic.in** for the benefit of pensioners. The pamphlet has relevant material from retiring pension, disability pension, family pension, dependent pension to provisions of ex-gratia payment for flight cadets. It also has useful advice for all retired personnel. Air Force pensioners can access the above material from the website, updating themselves on the latest entitlements and pensionary benefits.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS CONFERENCE : SWAC

South Western Air Command Chief Administrative Officers' Conference was held on 28 & 29 Jul 11 at Air Force Station Vadodara. The conference was inaugurated by Air Marshal RK Jolly VM VSM, SASO SWAC IAF. The conference was aimed at exchanging ideas on admin matters such as personnel, works, organisation, medical, education, security and sports to ensure smooth and efficient administration. Various representatives from Air HQ Command HQ and different stations deliberated upon the role and responsibilities of administrators. The conference concluded with a closing address by AVM PP Reddy VM, SOA, SWAC IAF.

Participants of conference

LATEST POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO AIR WARRIORS : AFGIS

Latest policy issues relating to Air Warriors from AFGIS are given below :-

(a) Ex-Gratia award to aircrew declared permanently unfit for flying duties : Wef 01 Oct 11, the amount of Ex-gratia payment of ₹ 2500/- and ₹ 1250/- has been increased to ₹ 5000/- and ₹ 2500/- pm in respect of aircrew officers and airmen respectively, declared permanently medically unfit for flying duties.

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(b) Wef 01 Oct 11, the financial assistance of ₹ 3000/- pm for officers hospitalised beyond six months and whose pay is reduced to furlough rates is being enhanced to ₹ 10000/- pm.

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ए्यर मार्शल के के नोहवार प वि से मे वा से मे का जन्म 07 मई 1952 को अम्बाला में सैनिक परिवेश से जुड़े एक परिवार में हुआ। इन्होंने अपनी स्कूली शिक्षा बर्न्स स्कूल, देवलाली से प्राप्त की। राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी के छात्र के रूप में इन्हें 24 जून 1972 को भारतीय वायुसेना की लड़ाकू शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया था। लड़ाकू स्क्वॉड्रनों में अपने आरंभिक कार्यकालों के दौरान इन्होंने मिग–21 वायुयानों को उड़ाया और बाद में एक मिग–27 स्क्वॉड्रन की कमान संभाली। इन्होंने दिसम्बर 1979 में उड़ान अनुदेशक कोर्स, दिसम्बर 1984 में लड़ाकू समाघात लीडर (एफ सी एल) कोर्स, जून 1987 में डी एस एस सी और जून 1998 में एयर वॉर कॉलेज (यू एस ए) से कोर्स किये। इनकी कमान नियुक्तियों में, 9 स्क्वॉड्रन के कमांडिंग अफसर, टी एसी डी ई के कमांडेंट और 16 विंग, वायुसेना के ए ओ सी के पद शामिल हैं। ये स्क्वॉड्रन, वायुसेना के कमोडोर कमांडेंट भी रहे हैं। इनकी महत्वपूर्ण स्टाफ नियुक्तियों में 33 विंग के सी ओ ओ, वायुसेनाध्यक्ष सचिवालय के उप कमांडेंट, वायु स्टाफ निरीक्षण के प्रधान निदेशक और सहायक वायुसेनाध्यक्ष (योजना) के पद शामिल है। इन्होंने अंडमान और निकोबार कमान में स्टाफ प्रमुख और सामरिक बल कमान में डिप्टी कमांडर–इन–चीफ (दोनों नियुक्तियां तीनों सेनाओं की संयुक्त नियुक्तियां हैं) के पद पर भी काम किया है। सह वायुसेनाध्यक्ष की अपनी मौजूदा नियुक्ति से पहले ये पूर्वी वायु कमान के ए ओ सी–इन–सी के पद पर थे। एयर मार्शल के के नोहवार परम विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल और वायुसेना मेडल से सम्मानित हैं। ये घुड़सवारी (पोलो) और गोल्फ के शौकीन हैं। इनकी पत्नी का नाम अनीता है और इनके दो पुत्र हैं।

एयर मार्शल एस वर्तमान अ वि से मे वा से मे वि से मे, ए ओ सी–इन–सी, पूर्वी वायु कमान

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एयर मार्शल एस वर्तमान अ वि से मे वा से मे वि से मे ने 01 अगस्त 2011 को पूर्वी वायु कमान के ए ओ सी–इन–सी का पदभार ग्रहण किया। सैनिक स्कूल, अमरावती नगर से शिक्षित और राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी से प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने के उपरान्त ये वर्ष 1973 में एक फाइटर पायलट के रूप में भा वा से में सम्मिलित हुए। ये आज वायुसेना के कुछ ऐसे चुने हुए पायलटों में से एक हैं जिनके पास 4000 उड़ान घंटों के उड़ान अनुभव के साथ 40 प्रकार के एयरक्राफ्ट उडाने की विशेष उपलब्धि है। एयर मार्शल वर्तमान एक परीक्षणात्मक जांच पायलट और प्रशिक्षित उड़ान अनुदेशक हैं। इस विशेषज्ञता में इनकी नियुक्तियों में भा वा से की एक मात्र जांच संस्थापना में, ए एस टी ई के मुख्य जांच पायलट और लडाकू प्रशिक्षण विंग, हाकिमपेट में मुख्य उड़ान अनुदेशक के पद शामिल हैं। कारगिल संघर्ष के दौरान ये ग्वालियर के मुख्य संक्रिया अफसर थे जहां इन्होंने मिराज 2000 के अपग्रेडेशन के संबंध में समन्वय करने में अपने उड़ान जांच अनुभव का प्रयोग किया जो हवाई अभियान की सफलता में सहायक सिद्ध हुआ। पेरिस और बेल्जियम, नीदरलैंड, लक्जम्बर्ग देशों में वायु अताशे के रूप में, इन्होंने यूरोपियन वायु सेनाओं के साथ अंतराष्ट्रीय रक्षा समन्वय पर अमिट छाप छोड़ी तथा विश्व भर की वायु सेनाओं के साथ संबंधों को मजबूत करना जारी रखा। दिल्ली वापस लौटने पर इन्हें सह वायुसेनाध्यक्ष (आसूचना) के पद पर नियुक्त किया गया। इस नियुक्ति से पूर्व ये मध्य वायु कमान मुख्यालय में एस ए एस ओ थे। एयर मार्शल एस वर्तमान अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल, वायुसेना मेडल और विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल के राष्ट्रपति पुरस्कारों से सम्मानित हैं। ये डा0 शोभाजी, जो एनेस्थीसिया में विशेषज्ञ हैं, से विवाहित हैं और एक पुत्र व एक पुत्री के पिता हैं।

एयर मार्शल एस पी सिंह अ वि से मे वा से मे, ए ओ सी–इन–सी, दक्षिण वायु कमान

एयर मार्शल एस पी सिंह, अ वि से मे वा से मे

ए्यर मार्शल एस पी सिंह अ वि से मे वा से मे ने 01 अगस्त 11 को दक्षिण वायु कमान का कार्यभार संभाला। दक्षिण वायु कमान के वायु अफसर कमांडिंग–इन–चीफ का कार्यभार संभालने से पहले ये पूर्वी वायु कमान के सीनियर वायु स्टाफ अफसर थे। एयर मार्शल एस पी सिंह अ वि से मे, वा से मे ने सैनिक स्कूल, कुंजपुरा से शिक्षा प्राप्त की। ये 1970 में राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी में भर्ती हुए और इन्हें 01 जून 1974 को भारतीय वायुसेना की उड़ान शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया। ये योग्यता प्राप्त उड़ान अनुदेशक हैं और विभिन्न वायुयानों से 6800 घंटे की उड़ान भर चुके हैं। एयर मार्शल एस पी सिंह दो प्रमुख परिवहन स्क्वाड्रनों की कमान संभाल चुके हैं, साथ ही ये उड़ान अनुदेशक स्कूल में प्रमुख उड़ान अनुदेशक भी रह चुके हैं। इनके स्टाफ संबंधी पदों में संयुक्त निदेशक संक्रिया (परिवहन और हेलिकॉप्टर) और वायुसेना मुख्यालय में सहायक वायुसेना अध्यक्ष (कार्मिक वायुसैनिक एवं सिविलियन) के पद शामिल हैं। ये प्रशिक्षण कमान के प्रशासन प्रभारी सीनियर अफसर और सीनियर वायु स्टाफ अफसर भी रह चुके हैं। इन्होंने विभिन्न ऑपरेशनों में सक्रिय भूमिका निभाई, और थॉइस में ए एन–32 और आई एल–76 विमानों को रात के समय जमीन पर उतारने वाले पहले पायलट होने का गौरव भी हासिल किया। 1999 में कारगिल युद्ध के दौरान इनकी असाधारण सेवा और उपलब्धियों के लिए इन्हें वीरता के लिए वायुसेना मेडल और 2006 में अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल से सम्मानित किया गया। एयर मार्शल गोल्फ के शौकीन हैं और अन्य खेलों में भी रूचि रखते है। इसके अलावा इन्हें संगीत और पढ़ने का भी बहुत शौक है। एयर मार्शल एस पी सिंह का विवाह श्रीमती तेजी सिंह से हुआ और इनकी दो बेटियां हैं – अमृता और रसिका।

एयर मार्शल जगदीश चन्द्र अ वि से मे वि से मे ए ओ सी–इन–सी, अनुरक्षण कमान

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एयर मार्शल जगदीश चन्द्र अ वि से मे वि से मे ने 01 सितंबर 11 को वायु अफसर कमांडिंग–इन–चीफ, अनुरक्षण कमान, भारतीय वायुसेना का पदभार ग्रहण किया। इन्हें 08 जुलाई 1976 को भारतीय वायुसेना की इंजीनियरी शाखा में इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया था। इन्होंने मिराज–2000 वायुयान पर फ्रांस में कंप्यूटरीकृत अनुरक्षण प्रबंधन के क्षेत्र में प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त किया। इन्हें भारतीय वायुसेना के वायुयान, रेडार, संचार, हथियार और सूचना प्रौद्योगिकी प्रणालियों की व्यापक रेंज पर प्रचुर अनुभव है। वायु अफसर कमांडिंग–इन–चीफ के तौर पर उत्तरदायित्व संभालने से पहले एयर मार्शल चन्द्र ने वायुसेना मुख्यालय में महानिदेशक (सिस्टम्स) के पद पर कार्य किया है। इन्होंने विभिन्न फील्ड एवं स्टाफ पदों पर कार्य किया जिनमें गांधीनगर में वरिष्ठ अनुरक्षण स्टाफ अफसर, दक्षिण पश्चिम वायु कमान, पालम स्थित रेडार एवं बेस मरम्मत डिपो के वायु अफसर कमांडिंग, दक्षिण पश्चिम वायु कमान में कमान सिग्नल अफसर (वायु), वायुसेना स्टेशन, हाकिमपेट में मुख्य इंजीनियरी अफसर और वायुसेना मुख्यालय में संयुक्त निदेशक इंजीनियरी (मिराज–2000) के पद शामिल हैं। एयर मार्शल चन्द्र ने उत्पादकता, अनुरक्षण स्तर और परिसंपत्ति उपलब्धता बढ़ाने जैसे आधारभूत मामलों में नवप्रवर्तन, स्वदेशीकरण और आत्मनिर्भरता लाने में भरपूर योगदान दिया हैं। 35 वर्षों से अधिक की उत्कृष्ट सेवा के लिए इन्हें 26 जनवरी 2011 को अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल और 26 जनवरी 1993 को विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल प्रदान किया गया था। इससे पहले 15 अगस्त 1988 को इन्हें वायु अफसर कमांडिंग–इन–चीफ, मध्य वायु कमान का प्रशस्ति–पत्र प्रदान किया गया था।

एयर मार्शल आर के वशिष्ठ अ वि से मे, वायु अफसर अनुरक्षण प्रभारी

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एयर मार्शल आर के वशिष्ठ अ वि से मे का जन्म 16 मार्च 1952 को हुआ था। ये दिल्ली कॉलेज ऑफ इंजीनियरिंग से इंजीनियर (यांत्रिकी) स्नातक हैं। इन्हें 06 जनवरी 1975 को भारतीय वायुसेना की वैमानिक इंजीनियरी (यांत्रिकी) शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया। भारतीय वायुसेना की इंजीनियरी शाखा में इनका उत्कृष्ट करियर रहा है। फ्रांस में मिराज–2000 वायुयान पर प्रशिक्षित, एयर मार्शल वशिष्ठ को मिराज बेड़े पर बेजोड़ अनुभव है। इस बेड़े को भारतीय वायुसेना में शामिल कराने और ग्वालियर में इसकी अनुरक्षण सुविधाएं स्थापित कराने में इनका प्रमुख योगदान रहा है। इनकी महत्वपूर्ण नियुक्तियों में 8 विंग के मुख्य इंजीनियरी अफसर, 4 बी आर डी और मिराज टेट्रा स्कूल के कमांडिंग अफसर, वायुसेना प्रशिक्षण कॉलेज के मुख्य अनुदेशक, पूर्व वायु कमान मुख्यालय के कमान इंजीनियरी अफसर और मध्य वायु कमान मुख्यालय के वरिष्ठ अनुरक्षण स्टाफ अफसर के पद शामिल हैं। ए ओ एम की अपनी मौजूदा पदभार संभालने से पहले ये महानिदेशक (वायुयान) के पद का उत्तरदायित्व संभाल रहे थे। ये मिराज–2000 वायुयान की अनुरक्षण संबंधी गतिविधियों के लिए विभिन्न कोर्सो पर फ्रांस में प्रतिनियुक्ति पर भेजे जा चुके हैं। इन्हें 26 जनवरी 2008 को राष्ट्रपति द्वारा अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल और 1999 में कारगिल संघर्ष (ऑपरेशन विजय) के दौरान उत्कृष्ट योगदान के लिए विशेष नामोल्लेख (मेंशन–इन–डिस्पैच) प्रदान किया गया।

एयर मार्शल डी पी जोशी, महानिदेशक चिकित्सा सेवा (वायु)

एयर मार्शल डी पी जोशी

एयर मार्शल डी पी जोशी 04 अगस्त 2011 को महानिदेशक चिकित्सा सेवा (वायु) के पद पर नियुक्त किए गए। इन्होंने ए एफ एम सी से शिक्षा प्राप्त की, जहां से 1974 में स्नातक हुए। इन्होंने 1980 में जनरल सर्जरी में एम एस, 1988 में एम्स से यूरोलॉजी में एम सी एच और यूरोलॉजी में ही एफ आई सी एस की उपाधि हासिल की। इन्होंने जिन पदों को सुशोभित किया है उनमें ए एफ एम सी में क्लिनिकल ट्यूटर, वायुसेना अस्पताल जोरहाट, ए एच (आर एंड आर), कमान अस्पताल (वायुसेना) बंगलूरू, कमान अस्पताल (पूर्व कमान) कोलकाता और कमान अस्पताल (मध्य कमान) लखनऊ में परामर्शदाता और वरिष्ठ सलाहकार (यूरोलॉजी) के पद शामिल हैं। ये उस रीनल प्रत्यारोपण दल के सदस्य थे जिसने इन तीन कमान अस्पतालों में रीनल (किडनी) प्रत्यारोपण की शुरूआत की। ये 1984–85 में स्थायी स्टेशन 'मैत्री' की स्थापना करने वाले चौथे अंटार्कटिका अभियान दल के सदस्य रहे हैं। इन्होंने डी जी ए एफ एम एस कार्यालय में विभिन्न प्रशासनिक पदभार संभाले हैं, जिनमें सितंबर 07 से डिप्टी डी जी ए एफ एम एस (प्रोविजंस) और एयर वाइस मार्शल के रैंक में पदोन्नति के बाद 01 सितंबर 08 से एडिशनल डी जी ए एफ एम एस (ई एंड एस) और एयर मार्शल के रैंक में पदोन्नति के बाद 17 अगस्त 10 से डी जी (ऑर्ग एंड पर्सनेल) के पद शामिल हैं। इन्हें वांतरिक्ष चिकित्सा संस्थान के कमोडोर कमांडेंट के पद पर भी नियुक्ति का गौरव प्राप्त है।

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भारतीय वायु सेना के पूर्वी कमान मुख्यालय में एस ए एस ओ का पदभार संभालने वाले एयर मार्शल एम मातेश्वरन अ वि से मे वा से मे 1975 में बतौर फाइटर पायलट भारतीय वायु सेना में शामिल हुए। उन्होंने अपनी 36 वर्ष की सेवा में मिग–21 और जगुआर विमानों सहित विभिन्न प्रकार के लड़ाकू विमानों के अलावा परिवहन विमान और हेलिकाप्टर भी उड़ाए हैं। इन्होंने एक जगुआर स्ट्राइक स्क्वाड्रन का नेतृत्व किया। ये एक परीक्षणात्मक जांच पायलट रहे हैं और इन्होंने लब्ध प्रतिष्ठित उड़ान परीक्षण स्थापना ए एस टी ई का नेतृत्व किया है। एच ए एल और डी आर डी ओ के साथ दो दशकों से भी ज्यादा समय से इनके बेहद करीबी सम्पर्क रहे हैं। इन्होंने उड़ान परीक्षण, परियोजना प्रबंधन के साथ ही वायु स्टाफ आवश्यकता में विभिन्न जिम्मेवारियों का निर्वहन किया है। एयर मार्शल मातेश्वरन के पास परियोजनाओं के प्रबंधन, तकनीकी और संक्रियात्मक जरूरतों के समाधान और इंजीनियरी एवं विनिर्माण प्रक्रियाओं के बेहतरीन मूल्यांकन का भी व्यापक अनुभव है। ये ए एस टी ई के कमांडेंट , वायु स्टाफ आवश्यकता के प्रधान निदेशक, मुख्यालय समुद्री वायु ऑपरेशन के वायु कमान अफसर रह चुके हैं और वर्तमान में ये सहायक वायु सेनाध्यक्ष ऑपरेशन (अंतरिक्ष) का पदभार संभाल रहे हैं। इस पद पर रहते हुए इन्होंने अंतरिक्ष से जुड़ी परियोजनाओं और वायु सेना की ई डब्ल्यू परियोजनाओं का पर्यवेक्षण किया है। इन्हें वांतरिक्ष प्रौद्योगिकी एवं रणनीति में विशेषज्ञता प्राप्त सामरिक चिंतक भी माना जाता है तथा इन्होंने अमेरिका और सिंगापुर के संस्थानों समेत विभिन्न प्रमुख संस्थानों में व्याख्यान दिए हैं। श्रीमती सुमति मातेश्वरन इनकी धर्मपत्नी हैं। इनके एक पुत्र एवं एक पुत्री है।

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From the Editor

Dear readers,

'Well begun is half done', this age old adage sums up the feelings of the editorial team in presenting the second issue of ***The Blue Glory*** *in its makeover version. This was made possible due to the overwhelming response from the field units and other subscribers, to share newsworthy happenings around them with a larger audience through this time-trusted medium —****The Blue Glory****.*

This issue covers AF Commanders' Conference Apr 2012, Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan and Chief's visit to France, with all other regular features viz., adventure and sports, health, AFWWA etc.

We deeply value your contributions, feedback, suggestions and most importantly, your patronage. Keep reading and contributing; we are just a click away on AFNET at 918852@mail.iaf.in

Happy landings

Jai Hind

AIR FORCE COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE : APRIL 2012

The first bi-annual Air Force Commanders' Conference for the year 2012 was held at Air HQ from 10-13 Apr 12 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri AK Antony. Welcoming the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri, Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff informed that the theme for this conference was '**Weapons**' wherein all issues related to the theme would be discussed in detail. He talked about IAF's modernisation programme and thanked the RM for his support in pursuing the acquisition plans of the IAF. The Hon'ble RM commenced his address by expressing his appreciation of the commitment, dedication and professionalism displayed by IAF. He expressed his satisfaction on utilisation of IAF's allotted budget and assured the Government's support for IAF's long term plan for Capacity Building which included upgradation of existing platforms and systems.

Commanders' Conference in progress

The Hon'ble RM emphasised the need to focus on flight safety and asked the Cdrs to personally look into relevant issues to minimise loss of life and resources. He concluded his talk by exhorting IAF personnel to continue to build upon their vision, strategic thinking, professional acumen and to lead by example to ensure that IAF touches ever greater heights.

In his opening address, CAS highlighted the achievements of last six months and pointed out future challenges. He emphasised the need to focus on maintenance and infrastructure issues. He asked Cdrs to convey his focus on responsibility and accountability to all the personnel.

The theme of the conference was 'Weapons'. A host of related issues like testing, procurement, storage and refurbishment etc were discussed. Positioning of weapons at various bases was also considered. Cdrs reviewed the progress made on the induction of new equipment and technologies, as also the progress on infrastructure development.

Hon'ble RM with Air Force Commanders

Besides presentations by the PSOs and Cdrs, issues related to operations, aerospace safety, maintenance, personnel and administration were also discussed during the conference. The Cdrs were addressed by the COAS and Foreign

CAS handing over the Kansya Rajbhasha Shield to AOC-in-C, WAC

Secretary. In addition, Dr C Raja Mohan and Cmde Jday Bhaskar (Retd) spoke on geopolitical and Defence issues of interest. During the conference, the CAS awarded the Swarna Rajbhasha Shield to Training Command, while the Rajat Rajbhasha Shield and the Kansya Rajbhasha Shield were awarded to Central Air Command and Western Air Command respectively. The Best AFNET Site Trophy was awarded to AF Stn alahalli of TC. The Sardar Baldev Singh Challenge Cup or overall sports championship was awarded to Training Command. The Chief of the Air Staff Trophy or the best AF sportsman was awarded to Sgt Rajneesh SSA of 29 Wg AF. During the conference, CAS eleased a handbook on Pensionary Benefits.

CAS handing over the Best AFNET site trophy to AOC-in-C,TC

SOsA/SAASO/CEs (AF) Conference : May 2012

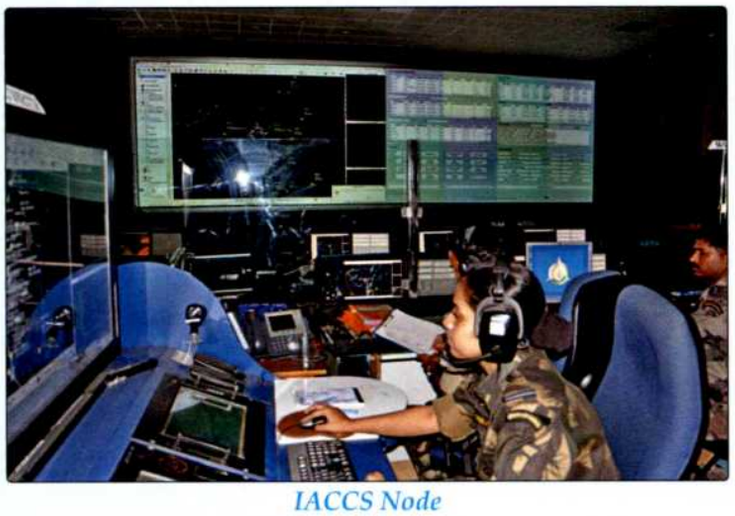
SOsA/SAASO/CEs (AF) Conference was held at Air HQ (VB) on 17 & 18 May 12. SOsA, SAASO and CEs of all the Commands attended the conference. The conference was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, CAS and was chaired by Air Marshal JN Burma PVSM AVSM VSM, AOA. Important issues related to work services and other aspects of administration were discussed during the conference. Maj Gen R Suresh VSM, GM and Chairman CSD addressed the participants on CSD related issues. Mrs SS Pujari, Sr Addl DGDE spoke on land related issues. AOA in his address brought out the crucial Admin issues that need constant attention and unwavering resolve for realisation of the vision statement 'People First Mission Always'.

Conference in progress

AOA with SOsA/SAASO/CEs of all Commands

OPERATIONALISATION OF IACCS NODE AT 47 SU

The IACCS node at 47 SU was declared Fully Ops on 11 Feb 12 for peacetime functions. This was a momentous event for the unit as the node was the first one to be declared operational in the IAF. The achievement was especially remarkable due to the fact that with its operationalisation the node took over the additional ADDC function of 77 SU for the Saurashtra-Kutch sector. The IACCS node at 47 SU has a variety of sensors contributing to the Recognised Air Situation Picture (RASP). These include the older sensor THD-1955, newer sensors such as ATCR-22, Rohini and MPR and airborne sensors such as Aerostat and AWACS. The node now controls flying and conducts PI/CIs in the widely dispersed Local Flying Areas of Naliya, Bhuj, Jamnagar and Pune, often simultaneously.



IACCS Node

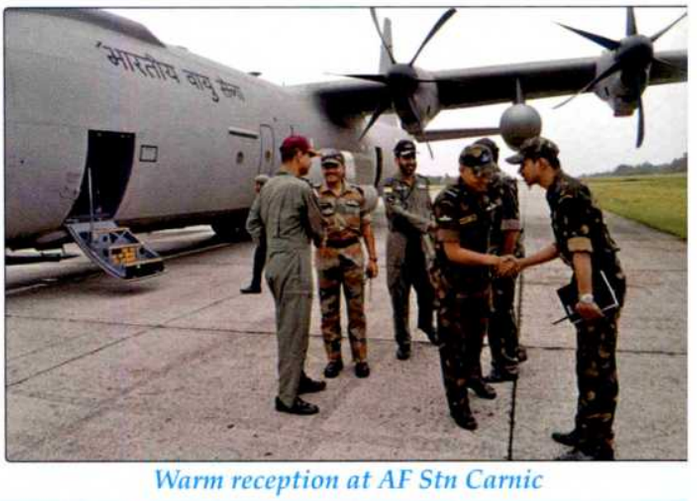
CAC AIR DEFENCE SEMINAR

CAC Air Defence Seminar was conducted at AF Stn Agra on 12 Mar 12. The aim of the seminar was to provide a professional forum to all Air Defence Operators and Planners of CAC to bolster the knowledge level and assimilate the evolving concepts in AD philosophy for seamless executior of AD operations in CAC AOR.

AOC-in-C, CAC with CAC Commanders

C-130J SUPER HERCULES LANDS AT AF STN CARNICOBAR

In yet another accomplishment, the C-130J Supe: Hercules aircraft touched down at AF Str Carnicobar on 28 May 12 on its maiden flight to th island airbase. After almost 6 hours flight from Al Stn Hindan, Gp Capt Tejbir Singh, CO of th Hercules Sqn accomplished the task of landin at Carnicobar air base. C-130J is one of the lates aircraft with state-of-the-art avionics and defenc complements. This aircraft has the ability to execut special operations which shall involve not only th Air Force elements but also Army and Naval forces t achieve the assigned task by displaying a grea



Warm reception at AF Stn Carnic

synergy between them. This also showcases our ability and operational infrastructure to induct variety of forces & technology. It is indeed a proud and historic moment, which will go down the annals of Indian Air Force's only island base, rightfully known as 'Commendable Carnic'.

Super Hercules at AF Stn Carnic

Annual Exhibition on Aviation and Space

Annual exhibition on 'Aviation & Space' was organised by Aeronautical Society of India (Eastern Regional Branch). Multi-disciplinary team of air warriors of AF Stn Barrackpore provided all the relevant information to the visitors on various aspects of IAF. Visitors were also educated about the ways of joining Indian Air Force as officers and as airmen. The team distributed pamphlets, aircraft posters and other publicity materials for information and publicity.

Aviation and space exibition

Seminar and Visits at IACCS Node AF Stn Vadsar

The SWAC Air Defence Seminar-2012 was conducted at AF Stn Vadsar. The seminar saw participation of all the combat units under SWAC and affiliated formations of other Services including Southern Command (Army) and Western Naval Command. The Annual Aerospace Safety Seminar and Council Meeting for the Commands were also conducted at this unit. In addition, the unit also hosted various visits by course officers as well as dignitaries. These included visits by AOC-in-C, SASO and AD Cdr of SWAC and by DG (Air) Ops soon after the node was declared operational. Course participants of the 67th Staff Course (DSSC) and the 24th Naval Higher Command Course (NHCC) also visited the node. During the course visits, a practical demonstration of war time role of the node was simulated and conducted. The demonstration showed the utilisation of Air Force Network (AFNET) and the IACCS system in achieving net-centricity.

Seminar in progress

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE MADE POSSIBLE BY IAF AND BAF

On 25 Apr 12, a Bangladesh Air Force PT-6 Trainer aircraft piloted by Flt Cdt Rasheed, landed in the agricultural fields just outside Raigram Village of Murshidabad Dist of West Bengal. The aircraft, on a training mission from BAF Flying training academy at Jessore encountered bad weather and strayed into Indian airspace. On running out of fuel, the pilot was forced to land in a field and was lucky to escape unhurt. The aircraft sustained damage. The pilot happened to be the same Flight Cadet who had briefed Air Chief

Damaged aircraft

Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC during his visit to Bangladesh earlier in the year. (For full story, please see 'The Blue Glory" Jan-Mar 12 issue; CAS visits Bangladesh)

On request from the BAF, the IAF initiated search and rescue operations. Coordinated by Advance HQ EAC, the pilot was traced within 30 mins and the State Government activated to ensure his well being by passing necessary instructions to the District Administration. A ground rescue party was also immediately dispatched from Barrackpore. The pilot was brought to AF Stn Barrackpore by helicopter the next morning. An An-32 was arranged to airlift him to Dhaka, and *within 24 hrs of his crash landing in a neighboring country, he was repatriated to his home country.*

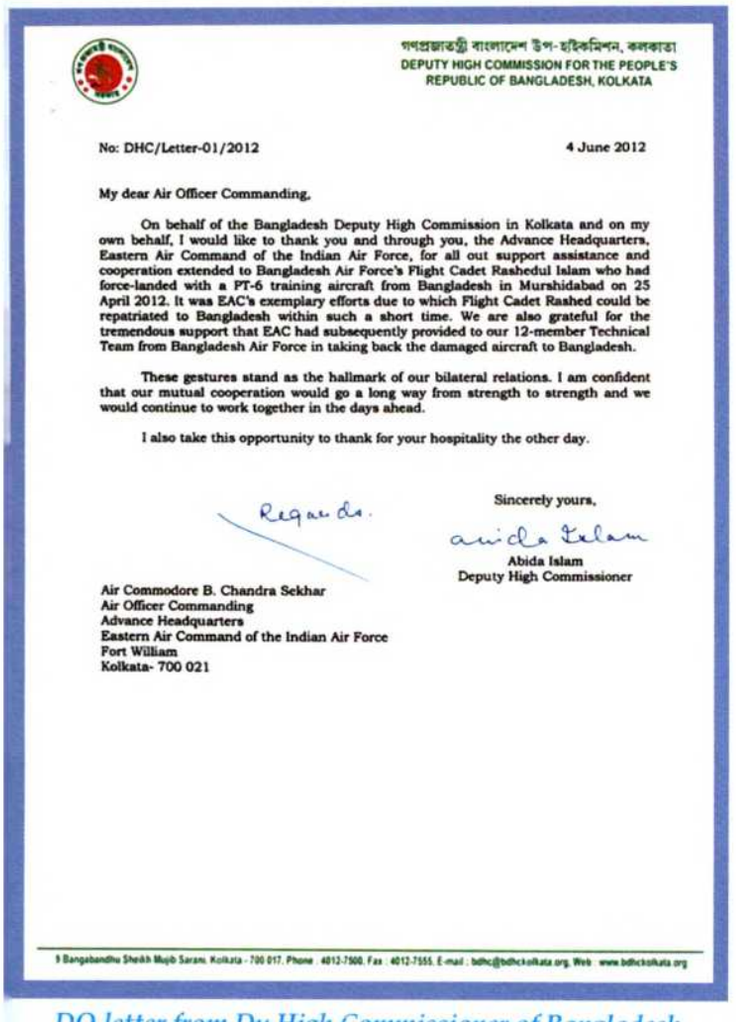
Exactly a month later, a twelve member team from Bangladesh Air Force led by Wg Cdr Asadu

Flt Cdt Rashid being escorted by IAF

Karim of BAF landed at Kolkata for recovery of the aircraft. A nine member Indian Air Force team from Adv HQ EAC and AF Stn Barrackpore, led by Sqn Ldr Ingale accompanied the BAF personnel Close coordination done by Advance

IAF-BAF rescue team with Dy High Commissioner, Banglades

Headquarters between the teams from both the countries and excellent liaison with the state government, customs and immigration authorities, ensured that the aircraft was dismantled, loaded onto a trailer and transported by road back to its air base via the Petropole border point in West Bengal. The members from BAF



গণপ্রজাতন্ত্রী বাংলাদেশ উপ-হাইকমিশন, কলকাতা
DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH, KOLKATA

No: DHC/Letter-01/2012 4 June 2012

My dear Air Officer Commanding,

On behalf of the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata and on my own behalf, I would like to thank you and through you, the Advance Headquarters, Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force, for all out support assistance and cooperation extended to Bangladesh Air Force's Flight Cadet Rashedul Islam who had force-landed with a PT-6 training aircraft from Bangladesh in Murshidabad on 25 April 2012. It was EAC's exemplary efforts due to which Flight Cadet Rashed could be repatriated to Bangladesh within such a short time. We are also grateful for the tremendous support that EAC had subsequently provided to our 12-member Technical Team from Bangladesh Air Force in taking back the damaged aircraft to Bangladesh.

These gestures stand as the hallmark of our bilateral relations. I am confident that our mutual cooperation would go a long way from strength to strength and we would continue to work together in the days ahead.

I also take this opportunity to thank for your hospitality the other day.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

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DO letter from Dy High Commissioner of Bangladesh

were highly appreciative of the gesture and active support from the IAF and the civil administration. They were in fact speaking very highly of the common culture and food habits on both sides of the border and the bonhomie that exists between the two Air Forces. On their return to Kolkata, the BAF team along with the Deputy High Commissioner of Bangladesh was hosted for a luncheon by Adv HQ EAC. The entire BAF delegation was extremely grateful to the IAF for the assistance both in repatriating the pilot and in the recovery of the aircraft. In the words of the BAF team leader ***"A mission impossible made possible by the IAF and BAF"***. A big step in the right direction for Indo Bangla co-operation had been taken.

AFC Formed at IGI Airport

1 AFMLU has established an Airport Facilitation Cell (AFC) at T-3 IGI Airport, Delhi for providing much-needed air travel assistance to defence personnel. The Cell aims at helping air warriors travelling at short notices on leave / TD requiring urgent bookings, minor children travelling alone by air, differently-abled or aged individuals requiring wheel chair and other assistance while travelling, personnel moving on posting with excess baggage, etc. AFC also looks after international travel for the personnel going on official trips abroad through customs and immigration. There is a provision of a small waiting area / lounge where personnel or dependents can wait till completion of travel formalities.

CAS at Airport Facilitation Cell at IGI airport

Integrity is an outward expression of our actions and beliefs, consistent with our other core values

Rescue at Tillanchang by 'Flying Dolphins'

On 29 Feb 12, AF Stn Carnic received an SOS from Andaman and Nicobar Police for emergency rescue of a policeman who had been bitten by a venomous snake at Tillanchang. On receipt of this information, 122 HF swung into action. A team led by Wg Cdr Sridhar, along with medical personnel rushed to the policeman's aid. They carried emergency medical equipment on-board.The mission was airborne within 30 minutes after the information was received. Flying time to Tillanchang is approximately 40 minutes one way. Once the patient was picked up by the team, he was immediately given medical support. It was a challenging job to start IV life line and give all drugs inside the moving aircraft for stabilising the patient. After 45 minutes of continuous medical attention, the patient was handed over to the civil hospital at Carnicobar for further support. Timely and effective medicare saved the life of this police personnel of A&N administration.

Helicopter hovering over the site

Rescue site

First-Aid administration

CAC Aerospace Safety Council Meet-2012

The mission for Flight Safety in the IAF is to ensure operational capability by conserving human and material resources through prevention of aircraft accidents. AF Stn Agra conducted a day long Aerospace Safety Council Meet, which is an annual feature. The Meet witnessed the participation of Cdrs of all bases under CAC as well as Aerospace Safety and Inspection Officers of all Commands of IAF and the members from HAL. The seminar was also addressed by Shri Mohan Guruswamy, Director Centre of Policy Alternatives, who spoke on Economic Determinants of National Security. Addressing the Cdrs at the Meet, Air Mshl Arup Raha AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, CAC said "Effective supervision and safety as an attitude is the keystone

AOC-in-C, CAC with CAC Commanders

for all operations". He released a compendium on innovations carried out by personnel within the Command.

Joint Air Logistics Conference-2012-13 at HQ EAC

The Joint Air Logistics Conference for the year 2012-13 was conducted at HQ EAC on 27 Apr 12. The conference was attended by representatives from user agencies viz., Army HQ, HQ EC, Reps from the Army Corps located in EAC AOR, Border Roads Organisation, ITBP, BSF, Govt of Arunachal Pradesh, operators from AF field units and staff from HQ EAC. The aim of this Annual Joint Event was to disseminate the air maintenance allocation for the new FY allotted by MoD to various agencies, discuss and find solutions to problems/issues faced by the user agencies and improve the inter-agency coordination. Good cooperation and well-planned flying effort during 2011-12 resulted in EAC completing its allotted air maintenance task for the first time in 18 years. During the daylong conference, delegates were given a brief on the prevailing and forecasted weather pattern in EAC AOR by C Met O and a presentation on the progress of infrastructure development in EAC under CCE (NEP) by C Wks O. Fresh agenda points and various issues related to Air Logistics operations were discussed and resolved.

Conference in progress

34TH Flight Test Course Graduates

Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh DFC, visited the prestigious Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) from 17 - 21 May 12 and presided as the Chief Guest at the Graduation Ceremony of the 34th Flight Test Course held on 18 May 12.

Marshal of the Air Force awarded Graduation Certificates to 09 Test Pilots, including 01 each from Indian Army and Indian Navy and 06 Flight Test Engineers. The graduating officers underwent a grueling 46 weeks of intensive flying and ground training at the Air Force Test Pilots School before earning this distinction. During the ceremony, the prestigious "Suranjan Das Trophy" for the best all-round student test pilot was awarded to Sqn Ldr KU

Marshal of the Air Force with prize winners

Rao while the "Chief of Air Staff Trophy" for the best student test pilot in Flight Evaluation was awarded to Sqn Ldr D Gupta. The "Hanumant Singh" Sword for the best all-round student flight test engineer was awarded to Sqn Ldr Gulshan Kumar. The "Dunlop Trophy" for the best student flight test engineer in Flight Evaluation was awarded to Wg Cdr Karthikeyan. The ceremony was also attended by dignitaries from Air HQ, HQ TC, DRDO, HAL, NAL etc.

INTER SQN DEBATE COMPETITION AT AFA

Flt Cdts of Aquino, Brar, Chitnis and Katre Sqns participated in the Annual Inter Sqn Debate Competition at AFA. This literary activity has great significance in judging the analytical ability of individuals. This is an art to convince people on issues which require thorough knowledge of the subject and latest statistical updates to make the details more alive and contemporary.

Debate competition in progress

NDA CADETS VISIT AF STN JAMNAGAR

A group of 43 NDA Cadets of III Term visited AF Stn Jamnagar as a part of their 'Embedded Training Visit' from 19 - 24 Mar 12. During the visit,

NDA cadets at AF Stn Jamnagar

cadets were exposed to the working routine in AF environment and went through the daily routine with air warriors to understand the rigours of life of air warriors in the IAF.

COURSE PARTICIPANTS OF SCSC (KABUL) VISIT AF STN AGRA

A 40 member delegation of Senior Command and Staff Course (SCSC) participants from Kabul visited AF Stn Agra on 01 Apr 12 as part of their course visit to a friendly nation. In India they visited AF Stn Agra, Begumpet and AF Stn Pune. The SCSC is equivalent to NDC (National Defence College, Delhi) in India.

SCSC participants at AF Stn Agra

VALEDICTORY FUNCTION : 35TH HACC AT CAW

The Valedictory function of the 35th Higher Air Command Course with 32 officers from all the three services, which commenced at CAW on 04 Jul 11 was conducted at CAW Officers' Mess on 03 Apr 12. Air Mshl KK Nohwar PVSM VM ADC, VCAS was the Chief Guest at the function. The Chief Guest awarded the Air Chief Marshal LM Katre trophy for 'Best Overall Performance' to Gp Capt Tarun Chaudhry VSM and AOC-in-C, TC trophy for The Best Individual Presentation' to Col Anil Raman. AVM DP Upot VSM, Comdt awarded course completion certificates to the participants. The distinguished guests included Prof S Satyanarayana, Vice Chancellor, Osmania University.

VCAS handing over the trophy to the winner

INAUGURATION OF ONLINE APPLICATION FOR AFCAT

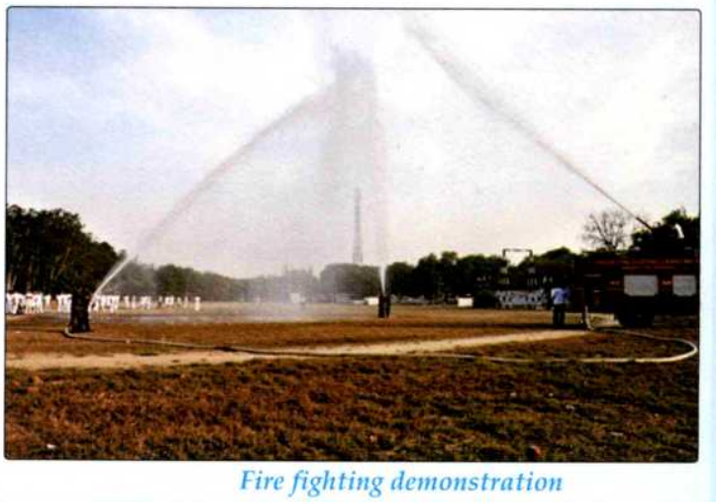
The IAF Career Website www.careerairforce.nic.in has been upgraded as a database driven dynamic site to enable Online applications. The website was

AOP launching AFCAT website

inaugurated by Air Mshl Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, AOP on 11 Jun 12. The change would enable candidates for AFCAT to fill up online applications for all branches of the IAF. Command AFCAT cells have been discontinued and one central AFCAT Cell cum implementation centre has been established under the aegis of Dte of Education.

FIRE SERVICE WEEK AT AF STN HINDAN

Fire Service week was celebrated from 14 - 20 Apr 12 at AF Stn Hindan. Fire lectures/demonstrations of major and minor fire



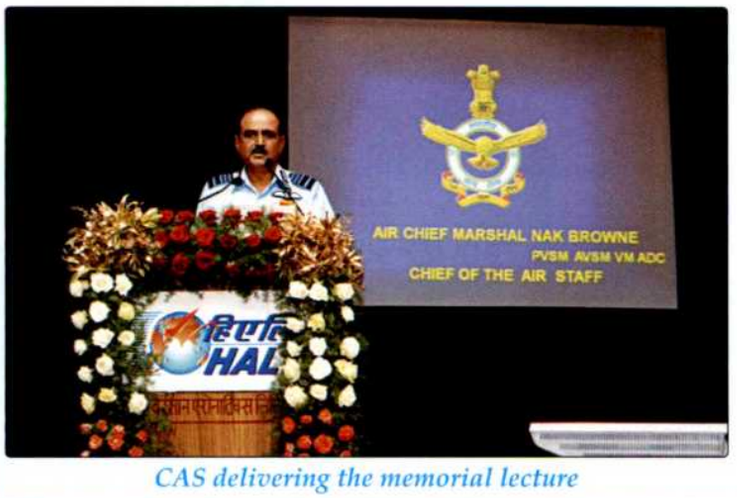
Fire fighting demonstration

fighting appliances were conducted at various locations within the Stn. Joint exercises with Civil Police Fire Brigade were carried out on 20 Apr 12. Several competitions, like poster / chart making and essay writing competitions for School children, also were organised.

Fire demonstration

Air Chief Marshal LM Katre Memorial Lecture

The sixth Air Chief Marshal LM Katre Memorial Lecture was organised by Air Force Association Karnataka Branch on 28 Apr 12 at Bangalore. Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, CAS was chief guest for the function and delivered the keynote address on "IAF's Strategy & Capabilities". The annual memorial lecture provides an ideal platform for professionals from various aerospace industries and R&D organisations for exchange of ideas. The lecture was organised with the help of HAL and AeSI Bangalore Branch.



CAS delivering the memorial lecture

CAS releasing the souvenir

Samvad se Samadhan

Samvad Se Samadhan is a successful initiative of AFRO to dialogue with the units of the Air Force and provide solutions on 'P' issues. This video conferencing is conducted every Friday. 13 such conferences have been held during the period Jan-Mar 12.

Tele-conference in progress

Modern Russian Language Lab Commissioned at DRTC

On 04 Apr 12, an important milestone was achieved when a Modern Russian Language Lab cum Smart Class Room was established at DRTC, Air HQ (RKP). This Modern Language Lab cum Smart Class Room will act as a force multiplier in enhancing speaking, reading, writing and listening skills in Russian language.

Russian language Smart Class Room

Inter-Wing Drill Competition at AFRO

Drill is an integral part of a soldier's life. To nurture discipline and preparedness, AFRO conducted a drill competition amongst individuals and various wings. The competition generated healthy competitive spirit and enthusiasm towards espirit-de-corps. Pension and Welfare Wing was adjudged the winners in the team event and Cpl Amit Yadav Adm Asst was the winner in the individual drill movement.

Drill competition in progress

Anniversary Celebrations at GEB

GEB celebrated its 36th anniversary with pomp and grandeur from 04 - 06 May 12. AVM Satyendra Kumar ACAS (Edn) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The ACAS visited various sections at GEB and launched the GEB website, which will henceforth facilitate the air warriors on various matters concerning Airmen Promotion Examination (AIRPEX). As part of anniversary celebrations, an hour long scintillating cultural programme by air warriors, ladies and children of GEB was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all. A photo exhibition, audio visual presentation of GEB and ceremonial breakfast on 06 May 12 were the other features of the fest.

ACAS Edn launching the website

ACAS Edn at GEB

TEACHERS' WORKSHOP ON COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN ENGLISH AT 6 WG

Teachers' workshop on communication skills in English was conducted at AF Stn Barrackpore by the resource persons of Oxford University Press, India from 09-10 Feb 12 for the teachers of Air Force Schools under EAC. 34 teachers attended the workshop.

Workshop in progress

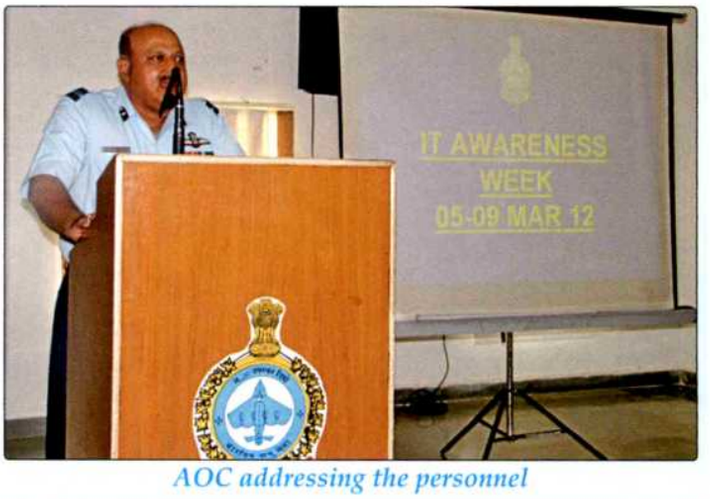
HONOUR FOR DR P VEERARAGHAVAN : AFAC

AFAC is one of the oldest training institutions for officers in the IAF. The services of visiting faculty/Guest lectures, having expertise in various fields, are utilised by the College. One of the most prominent members of the visiting faculty to AFAC is Dr. PV Veeraraghavan. He has been associated with AFAC since 1962 as a guest faculty. Dr. Veeraraghavan is a true professional who holds a doctorate degree in Organisational Behaviour and is a lecturer at Madras University. He also worked as a Research Assistant at Harvard University and at Massauchusetts Institute of Technology. He has been a resource person to more than 10000 Officers of the IAF who have attended various training courses at this College. For the yeomen service of 50 years rendered to the Indian Air Force in general and to Air Force Administrative College in particular, Dr. Veeraraghavan was commended by the Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC on 27 Feb 12. Air Cmde MSG Menon, Comdt, AFAC gave the commendation card and medal to Dr. Veeraraghavan. The ceremony was followed by a Guest Night at AFAC Officers' Mess.

Comdt AFAC handing over the commendation letter

IT WEEK CELEBRATED AT 26 ED

IT week was celebrated by 26 ED from 05 - 09 Mar 12, to enhance IT awareness of the Depot personnel and to highlight the importance of IT security. Various lectures and IT audits were conducted during this week. Air Cmde Anil Handa, AOC, 26 ED inaugurated the IT week



AOC addressing the personnel

celebrations. Depot personnel participated in various competitions viz., Poster competition, ONLINE IT awareness contest, Slogan competition and Quiz competition, organised during the week.

SAOs' and Audit Conclave at HQ SAC

Air Mshl SP Singh AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, SAC inaugurated the Annual Senior Accountant Officers' Conclave at HQ SAC, IAF on 24 Apr 12. Officers from SAC and Senior Accountant Officers from all units under SAC attended the conclave.

The Air Mshl, in his inaugural address, emphasised on the key issues of ensuring economy and effective utilisation of funds. AVM GP Singh VM, SOA, delivered the key-note address. Air Mshl JS Chauhan AVSM VSM, SASO, ACAS (Fin P), ACAS (Accts) and other senior officials from Air HQ and SAC were present at the occasion.

Audit conclave in progress

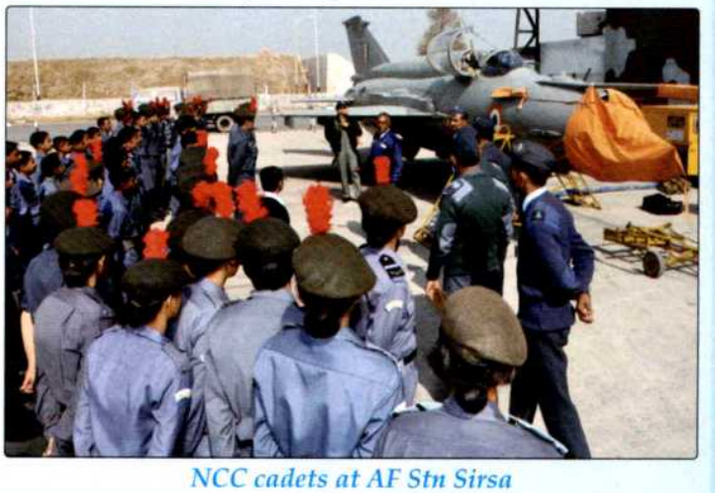
Workshop on Communication Skills at AF Stn Sarsawa

A Workshop on Communication Skills was organised from 16 Apr - 04 May 12 at AF Stn Sarsawa. Thirty five air warriors of the station participated in the workshop. Various competitions were also organized as a part of the programme. Certificates of merit were issued on the successful completion of the workshop during the valedictory function. The workshop saw active participation and overwhelming response among the participants.

Workshop participants

Visit of NCC Cadets to AF Stn Sirsa

A total 77 NCC Cadets from Hisar visited Air Force Stn Sirsa. They were shown the aircraft and explained various features of aircraft and flying. Air Cmde SP Singh AOC, AF Stn Sirsa interacted and motivated them to join the IAF. They were also guided about various competitive examinations for joining Indian Air Force.



NCC cadets at AF Stn Sirsa

CAS VISITS FRANCE

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, CAS was on a four day goodwill visit to France. During the visit, he called on Mr Jean-Yves Le Drian, the new French Defence Minister, Admiral Edouard Guillaud, French Chief of Defence Staff, Ingenieur Général de l'Armement (IGA) Laurent Collet-Billon, Director-General of the French Defence Technology and Procurement Agency (DGA) and General Jean-Paul Paloméros, Chief of Staff of the French Air Force, to discuss a wide range of bilateral issues on the ongoing Defence co-operation between India and France.

The visit was aimed at expanding the already robust bilateral military-to-military ties between the two countries. The IAF Chief visited Cognac, Istres and St.Dizier airbases of the French Air Force (FAF). At St.Dizier, he visited the Rafale Squadron to get first hand impression of the MMRCA, selected by the IAF, as also to see Rafale's Production facilities at Mérignac, besides overseeing the progress of the various projects being carried forward as joint ventures between the two countries. He also interacted with the IAF's Project Management Team members for the Mirage- 2000 Upgrade Project. The Chief flew a sortie in a Rafale aircraft.

CAS and French Air Chief at ceremonial reception

CAS presenting IAF memento to French Air Chief

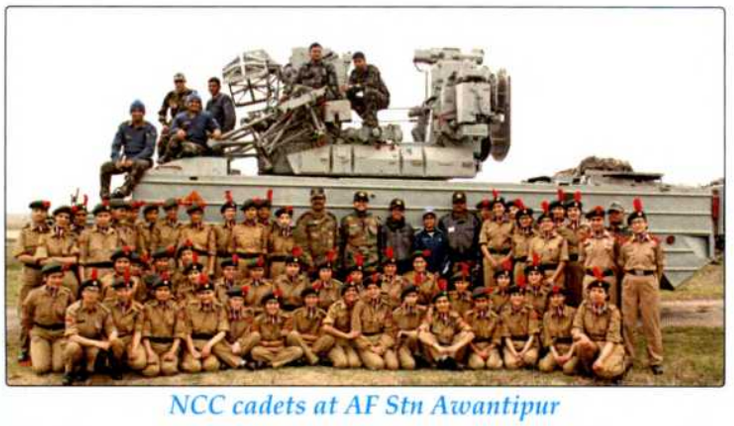
The visit was significant, as it was the first high level official visit from India to France after the new French government had taken office. The Chief of Staff, French Air Force, General Jean-Paul Paloméros, had been on a Air Force to Air Force visit to India during September last year, where he had also visited some of the IAF's airbases including Jaisalmer and Gwalior.

CAS before the sortie

Visit of NCC Cadets to AF Stn Awantipur

NCC cadets at AF Stn Awantipur

Two batches of 52 NCC boy cadets and 44 NCC girl cadets of No. 1 J&K (Boys and Girls) Bn alongwith their COs, visited AF Stn Awantipur on 15 Mar 12 and 28 Mar 12, respectively. Both the visits started with the viewing of a motivational video about Indian Air Force which was followed by a talk given by COO. The groups went on to see the functioning of Rohini radar, P-18 radar, missile launcher of 2214 Sqn and combat vehicles of OSA-AK unit. Thereafter the cadets were taken to 223 Sqn, where they were briefed about the role of Mig-29 aircraft and were also shown the take-off and landing of the aircraft. During both the visits, publicity material like calendars, posters, slip pads, caps, etc were gifted to the cadets.



NCC cadets at AF Stn Awantipur

AOC-in-C, EAC Visits AF Stn Digaru

Air Mshl S Varthaman AVSM VM VSM, AOC-in-C, EAC visited AF Stn Digaru on 12 Feb 12. He was accompanied by Dr Shobha Varthaman President AFWWA (R). On arrival, they were received by Gp Capt JK Raval, Stn Cdr and introduced to officers and other personnel of the Stn. The Air Mshl visited various storage areas of the Park and interacted with air warriors.

AOC-in-C, EAC at AF Stn Digaru

AOC-in-C MC Visits 26 ED

Air Mshl Jagdish Chandra AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C, MC visited 26 ED. He reviewed the Guard of Honour on arrival and addressed the Depot personnel during the hollow square. During the visit, he took stock of the overhaul

AOC-in-C, MC reviewing the Guard of Honour

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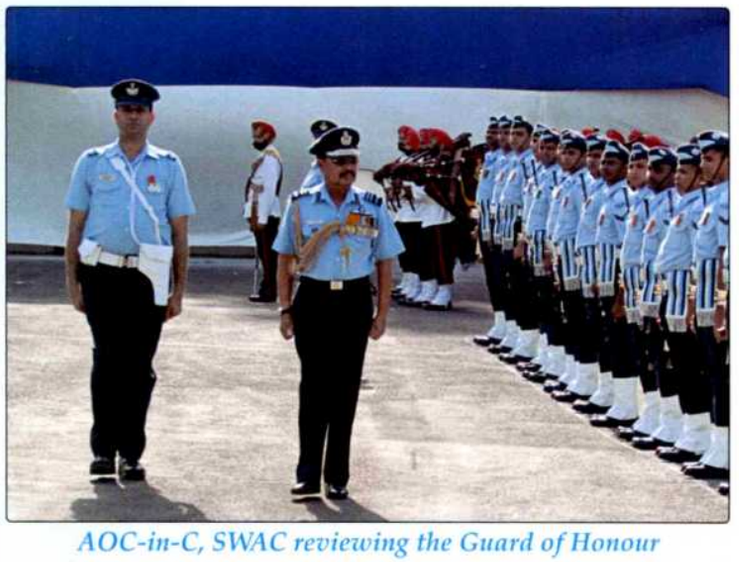
activities of European and Indian origin aircraft held in the inventory of the IAF. 26 ED, located near HAL complex in Bangalore, has emerged as a major stock holding depot for many new generation aircraft of the IAF and works in close liaison with HAL to ensure high serviceability of aircraft in the Air Force.

AOC-in-C, SWAC Visits AF Stn Kanheri Hills

Air Mshl AK Gogoi PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C, SWAC accompanied by Mrs. Leena Gogoi, President, AFWWA (R) visited AF Stn Kanheri Hills on 03 & 04 May 12. The AOC-in-C reviewed a Guard of Honour on his arrival. He visited NOC data center and various other sections. He interacted with station personnel and officers and complimented the air warriors for the well maintained station and their effective contribution in overall improvement of AFNET performance. He cautioned the air warriors on cyber security and urged personnel to be vigilant at all times.



AOC-in-C, SWAC reviewing the Guard of Honour

AOC-in-C, TC Visits MTTI

Air Mshl R Singh AVSM VM, AOC-in-C,TC visited MTTI on 17 May 12. The AOC-in-C addressed the air warriors and Civilian staff of the unit. He appreciated their efforts in transforming this institute into a premier training establishment. During his visit, he commissioned the Pollution Testing equipment and also inaugurated the Vehicle Emission Testing Centre (VETC).

AOC-in-C, TC inaugurating the VETC

SMSO, MC Visits 28 ED

Air Mshl S Sriram, SMSO, MC visited 28 ED on 13 Feb 12. The visit was to assess the progress on all procurement, storage and ongoing issues including the proposed airstrip at Amla. He specifically addressed all the constraints related to storage in view of proposed air strip. SMSO visited weapon storage areas, Armament Workshop, Demolition Ground and Armament TETTRA School.

SMSO, MC at AF Stn Amla

AOC-in-C, CAC Visits AF Stn Kanpur

Air Mshl Arup Raha AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, CAC, visited AF Stn Kanpur. The Air Mshl was received by Air Cmde Gulshan Rai VSM, AOC, AF Stn Kanpur. Various branch heads and Commanding Officers of other Depots were also present. He was conducted through various lodger units and sections of this Station mainly AMU, 4 BRD, 1 BRD and various overhauling Lines. He interacted with the air warriors and emphasised the need of good workmanship. He appreciated the working standards of the Stn and the efforts put in by the Depots in developing in-house repair procedures.

AoC-in-C CAC at AF Stn Kanpur

SMSO, TC Visits Hercules Tettra School

AVM SN Murthi VSM, SMSO, TC visited the Hercules TETTRA School at AF Stn Hindan on 10 Mar 12. A presentation on maintenance philosophy of C-130J aircraft and the achievements of Hercules TETTRA School was given by CO Hercules TETTRA School. He appreciated the excellent work of different sections with the state-of-the-art equipment.

SMSO, TC at Hercules TETTRA

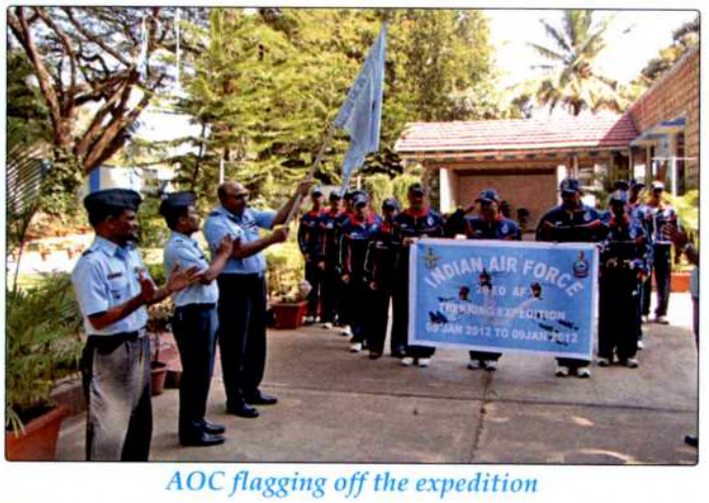
ACAS(MP) Visits AF Stn Highgrounds

AVM P Aneja VSM, ACAS (MP) visited AF Stn Highgrounds on 22 May 12. During the visit, he was briefed about the training being conducted for IAF pilots and maintenance staff at Highgrounds. The school also conducts training for pilots and technicians of friendly foreign countries. He visited MiG-29, MiG-27 and MI-26 Training Complex and urged the instructors to strive for excellence.

ACAS (MP) at AF Stn Highgrounds

TREKKING EXPEDITION AT 26 ED

A trekking expedition was organised by 26 ED, AF during Jan 12. A team of 15 members, consisting 11 air warriors and 04 Civilian employees participated in the adventure activity. The team was led by JWO AK Yadav. The event was coordinated by Mr Krishna Prasad of 'Amazing Global Journeys', Bangalore. Members trekked the hilly terrain and reached at the top where they saw two vertical hillocks and trekked down into the cave of one hillock. The darkness and fluttering sound of bats in the cave was enthralling. The team also visited the Shiva fort on the bank of Kali river and experienced the elegant Sunset view. On the final day the members participated in various activities such as rock climbing, rappelling, rowing, and other water sports.



AOC flagging off the expedition

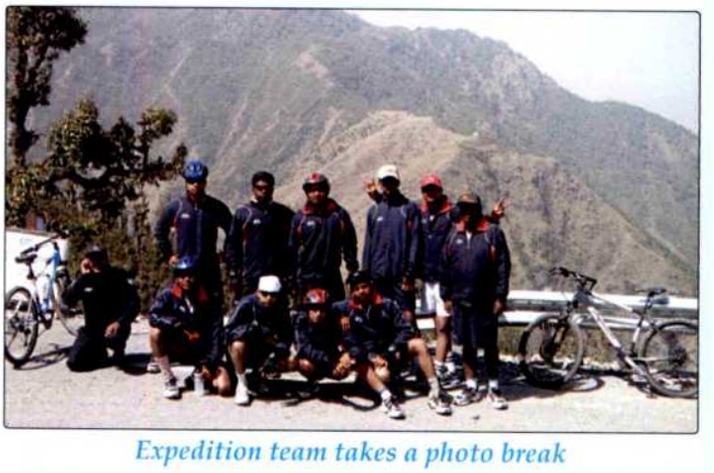
FIRE SERVICES WEEK 2012 AT AFAC

Fire service week was observed at AFAC, Coimbatore from 14 - 20 Apr 12. As part of the fire services week, a mutual aid scheme, joint fire & rescue exercises etc were carried out. The exercise was jointly conducted by the fire fighting team of AFAC, the fire fighting team of the local Naval Station INS Agrani and the team of Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services. The exercise was of great educational value to air warriors and the students of Air Force School Coimbatore.

Fire safety drill

TUSKERS CYCLING EXPEDITION-2012

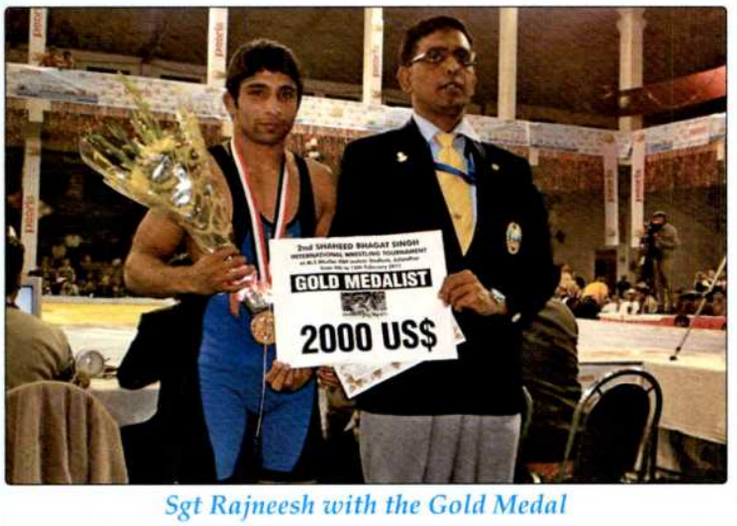
Tusker cycling expedition was flagged off from AF Stn Adampur on 19 Mar 12. The 12 member team cycled to Mussoorie and back via Ambala and Dehradun, and returned on 27 Mar 12. The team covered a total of 630 km (approx) over 09 days, in plain, semi-hill as well as hilly terrain.



Expedition team takes a photo break

SGT RAJNEESH WINS GOLD

The 1st Hari Ram Indian Grand Prix International Wrestling tournament was held at IG Stadium, New Delhi from 25 - 27 May 12. Outstanding wrestlers of 22 countries participated in the said tournament. Sgt Rajneesh of 29 Wg represented Indian team in 60 Kg Free Style category and won a Gold Medal in the said championship defeating South Korea's Olympic qualified wrestler Kim Jin Cheol 3-0, 2-0 in the finals. On his way to the finals, Sgt Rajneesh defeated renowned wrestlers from Nigeria, Iran, Georgia and Mongolia. The performance of individual has been widely appreciated in media. He also performed exceptionally well in the Inter Services Wrestling Championship 2011-12, winning Gold Medal in 60 KG Free Style weight category. The air warrior is also the recipient of Chief of the Air Staff trophy for Best AF Sportsman in the year 2009-10 and 2011-12. He had also won a Gold Medal in 2011 Commonwealth wrestling championship held at Melbourne (Australia).



Sgt Rajneesh with the Gold Medal

Excellence is not a one off effort - it is a habit

SERVICES WIN SANTOSH TROPHY

The Santosh Trophy National Football Championship 2012 was held at Cuttack from 11-28 May 12. The Services team won the trophy after a gap of 60 years defeating Tamil Nadu team in the finals by 3-2. LAC VV Farhad was selected as **Man of the tournament** with a total of 05 goals in the championship.

Services Team : The Champions *LAC Farhad*

IAF WINS INTER SERVICES CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

Inter-Services Cricket championship 2012-13 was held at 3 Wg from 14-27 May 12. IAF Cricket Team performed exceptionally well in this championship and won the trophy for the second consecutive year defeating Army Red team in the finals by 10 wickets.

AF cricket team: Winners

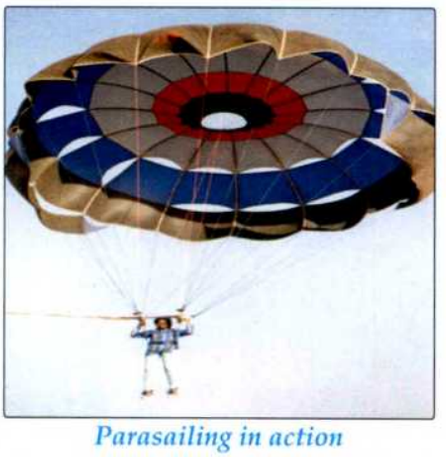
AF Basketball Championship : 2012-13

The AF Basketball Championship for the year 2012-13 was conducted from 29 Apr - 04 May 12 at AFCAO. The Championship was declared open by Air Cmde AK Sharma VSM, AOC, AFCAO. A total of seven teams participated. The teams displayed utmost sincerity, sportsmanship and camaraderie. After five days of well contested matches, the teams from TC and Air HQ played the final where TC emerged as winners by seven points. EAC finished at third position.

AOC AFCAO with winning team

Parasailing Camp at AF Stn Jamnagar

A Parasailing Camp was conducted at AF Stn Jamnagar for air warriors and their families from 24 - 26 Mar 12. The Camp was conducted by a team of trained parasailing instructors from Command Sports Control Board, SWAC. The three-day event witnessed a warm response from the air warriors and children of the Stn.



Parasailing in action

Adventure Activities for Civilian Employees at AFCAO

Two adventure camps, one for Service personnel and the other for civilian employees of AFCAO were organised by AFCAO during Mar 12. These two camps of three days each were conducted amidst the picturesque valleys of Himalayas at Beyose, a village 22 kms ahead of Rishikesh. The camps exposed the participants to basics of tent pitching, white water rafting, rappelling and trekking on the banks of the holy river Ganges. Both the teams were flagged off by AOC, AFCAO on the nights of 04 Mar and 22 Mar 12 respectively.

River rafting expedition team

Honour lies in honest toil

Grover Cleveland

DELPHINUS AT ARABIAN SEA

The IAF Channel Swimming Team, christened 'Delphinus', swam across from Dharamtar port to Gateway of India, Mumbai on 25 Mar 12. A distance of about 45 km in the Arabian Sea was covered by the Delphinus team comprising Wg Cdr Paramvir Singh (Team leader), Flt Lt YANarayanpethkar, Sgt KK Singh, Sgt G Narahari, Cpl AK Patel, Cpl N Yadav, Cpl S Srihari, Cpl A Singh and Cpl CN Aneesh. The event was flagged in by Gp Capt AK Gupta, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Thane.

Delphinus team

YELAGIRI TREKKING EXPEDITION: AF STN TAMBARAM

A team of 36 air warriors set their feet for Yelagiri trekking which is about 150 Kms from Chennai. On 10 Mar 12, the team was flagged off by Air Cmde S Prabhakaran VM, AOC, AF Stn Tambaram who also joined the trekking team. The team went to Yelagiri by bus and started trekking at 1200 hrs from the foot hills of Yelagiri. Yelagiri hills are lush green, full of blossoming flowers and water streams. The team enjoyed a panoramic view of the adjoining hills, covered with a thick layer of fog and excellent breeze.

AOC flagging off the expedition

SAC MULTI-ADVENTURE CAMP

A three week long multi-adventure camp was organised by HQ SAC from 16 Apr - 06 May 12. The aim of the Adventure Camp was to generate passion for adventure, imbibe spirit of bravery, camaraderie and to make the participants physically tough and mentally robust. In the first phase of the camp, Skydiving, Parasailing and Power Hang Gliding were conducted from 16 - 22 Apr 12 at AF Stn Sulur (Coimbatore). 60 air warriors and 25 family members of air warriors participated in the camp. A total of 136 skydives were carried out from AN-32 aircraft. 90 Power Hang Glider sorties and 78 parasailing were also carried out for air warriors and their families.

AOC-in-C, SAC flagging off the expedition

'WINGS OF FIRE' ON TREKKING EXPEDITION

A team of 15 enthusiastic air warriors from 2401 Sqn, also known as 'WINGS OF FIRE' successfully carried out a trekking expedition in the great Himalayan expanses at Manali. The trek was led by Sqn Ldr S Awasthi and Sqn Ldr Harikesh. The trekking team included 02 officers, 02 SNCOs, 12 Airmen & 01 NC(E) and was flagged off by Air Cmde PM Sinha VSM, AOC, AF Stn Gwalior on 17 Mar 12. The aim of the event was to inculcate the spirit of adventure and camaraderie among air warriors. The team traversed through the hilly terrain, thick forest and glaciated valley and covered a distance of 150 Kms (approx) before returning to the base on 25 Mar 12. During the trek, the team members interacted and motivated young men to join the IAF for a thrilling and adventurous career.

Expedition team at the summit

INTER-WING HAND BALL CHAMPIONSHIP : CAC

CAC Inter Wing Handball Championship was organised at AF Stn Agra from 30 Apr - 10 May 12. A total of 06 teams participated in the

AOC with the winning team

championship. Teams were divided into two pools. AF Stn Agra won the championship. 19 players were selected to undergo CAC Handball Coaching camp at AF Stn Agra to form CAC handball team for the forthcoming AF Handball Championship.

MOTORCYCLE RALLY : 258 SU

A motorcycle rally was organised at Gandhinagar on 09 May 12, as part of the Road Safety Week. RTO and civil Police Gandhinagar participated in the Rally. The message was 'Safe and Defensive Driving'.

Motorcycle Rally

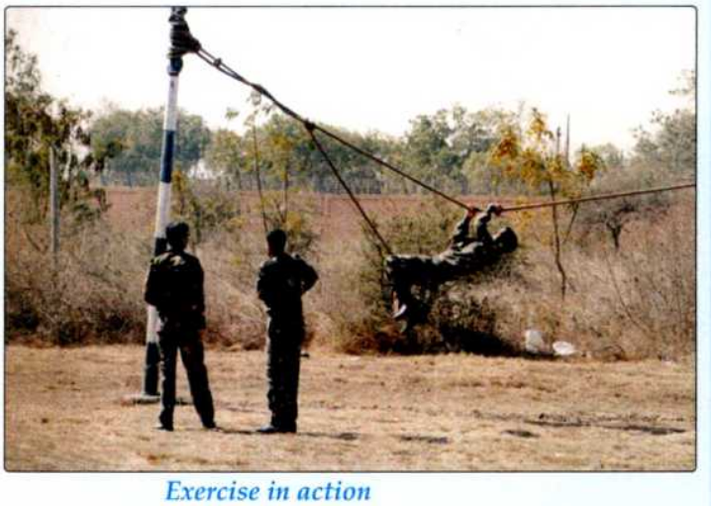
Cycle Expedition : AF Stn Sirsa

A team of air warriors from AF Stn Sirsa undertook a Cycle Expedition from Sirsa to Suratgarh. The aim of this Expedition was to promote adventure activities among the air warriors and to educate villagers on various aspects of Aerospace Safety. The team comprising two offrs and eight airmen covered a distance of appx 400 Kms within 06 days. During the expedition the team halted at Dabwali, Hanumangarh and AF Stn Suratgarh. The team was led by Flt Lt Nand Kishore.

AOC flagging off the expedition

Exercise 'Akash Yodha' at AF Stn Jamnagar

Exercise 'Akash Yodha' for the personnel of AF Stn Jamnagar was conducted from 26 Mar - 03 Apr 12 for the Jan-Mar 12 quarter. The Exercise consisted of Route March, Obstacle Training, Field Craft Training, Tent Pitching and Fire Fighting Display; in addition to Medical, Security and Fire lectures. Various 'emergencies' were simulated to expose the air warriors about war like conditions and appropriate response with available resources.



Exercise in action

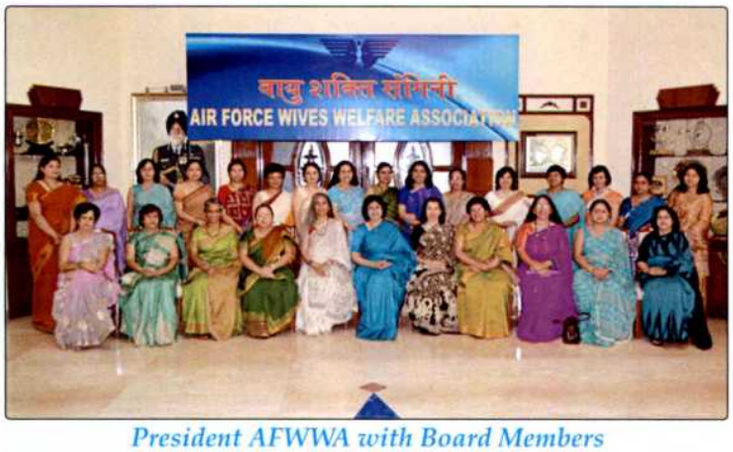
TC Summer Adventure Camp 2012

Adventure camp participants

A four day summer adventure camp for the wards of serving Air Force personnel of HQ TC was conducted at Mettupalayam, Ooty from 26-29 May 12. The organisation of the camp was co-ordinated by AFWWA(L), AFAC. A total of 34 children in the age group of 12-17 years, two each from the 16 Stns/Units under TC participated in the camp. At the end of the camp, a camp fire was organised and prizes and certificates were given to participants.

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting was held on 11 Apr 12 at Akash Officers' Mess, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Mrs Kiran Browne, President AFWWA. All the Presidents AFWWA (Regional) and Board Members attended the meeting. Various points related to the cause of AFWWA were discussed during the meeting.

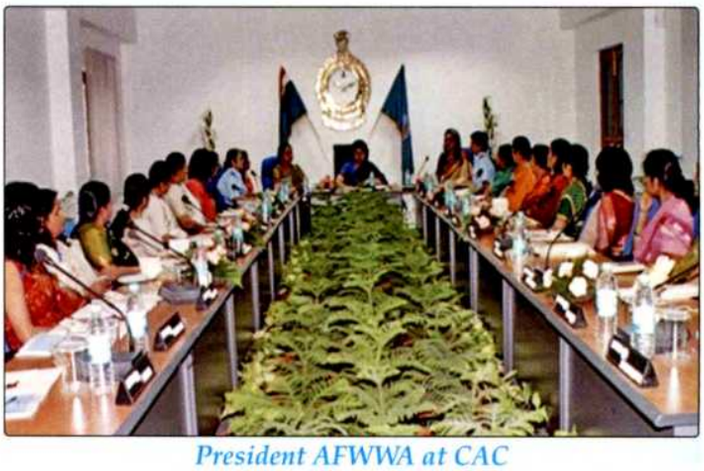


President AFWWA with Board Members

Board meeting in progress

Visit of President AFWWA to HQ CAC

Mrs Kiran Browne, President AFWWA visited AFWWA (R) CAC in the month of April. During the visit, President AFWWA presided over AFWWA Regional Board of Management Meeting.



President AFWWA at CAC

An AFWWA Mela was also organised by AFWWA (R) CAC for the Sanginis and their families during the Board Meeting. The Mela showcased a variety of items from all the units under CAC.

President AFWWA with Sanginis at CAC

President AFWWA at CAC AFWWA Mela

Inter-Unit Civilian Cultural Programme at AF Stn Jamnagar

An Inter-unit Civilian Cultural Programme was organised at AF Stn Jamnagar on 23 Mar 12. The event was organised by the JCM members of the Stn. A total of 75 civilian staff including family members participated in the colourful event. The function culminated with the closing address by Air Cmde PR Navalkar, AOC, 33 Wg and presentation of gifts to all the participants by Mrs Nandini Navalkar, President AFWWA (L).

Cultural Show

Visit to Missionaries of Charity

A visit to Missionaries of Charity was organised by AFWWA (L) AF Stn Barrackpore, on the occasion of International Women's Day. Sanginis of the Stn, sponsored meals for the inmates of Shishu Bhavan and also contributed gift items like stationary, clothes, dry ration, toys etc. for the needy children and other inmates.

Sanginis at Missionaries of Charity

Children Camp at AF Stn Tambram

As part of children camp, trekking, drona range firing and a demo on HPT-32 Simulator functioning were conducted at AF Stn Tambram for about 100 wards of air warriors, DSC personnel, NCs (E) and Civilians during Mar 12. Students above 10 years participated in the various events.

Children being briefed about Kiran aircraft

Road Safety Week at AF Stn Hindan

Road Safety Week was celebrated from 23 - 28 Apr 12 at AF Stn Hindan. Air Cmde SR Singh VM VSM, AOC, AF Stn Hindan flagged off the ceremony on 23 Apr 12 at MT Section. The theme was 'Pollution Under Control'. Free pollution checks for Service and private vehicles and paid checks for car ACs were carried out by M/s Maruti, Bajaj and Honda Motors. Lectures on safe and defensive driving were also conducted.

AOC flagging the road safety week

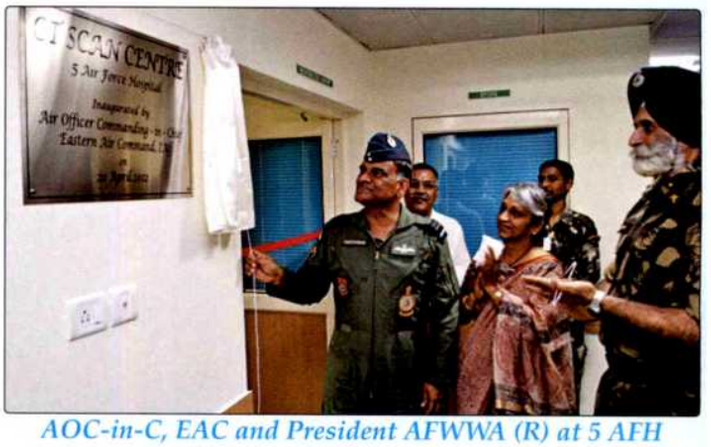
Bone Density and Pulse Polio Immunisation Camps at AF Stn Highgrounds

Bone Density Estimation and Pulse Polio Immunisation camps were organised at SMC, AF Stn Highgrounds during Feb & Mar 12, under the aegis of AFWWA (L). The camps were inaugurated by Mrs Manisha Dargar, President AFWWA (L). A total of 104 ladies attended the camp. Ladies with abnormal T-Score were given calcium supplements and advised dietary substitute to keep the bones healthy. 44 children upto the age of 05 years were administered the vaccine.

Medical camp at AF Stn Highgrounds

Pulse Polio camp at AF Stn Highgrounds

Inauguration of CT Scan Centres at 5AFH & 7AFH



AOC-in-C, EAC and President AFWWA (R) at 5 AFH

Air Force Hospitals, Jorhat and Kanpur, two premier hospitals of the Indian Air Force, recently entered a new era in diagnostic imaging with the commissioning of state-of-the-art, 16 slice multi-detector Computed Tomography (CT) scan machines. The CT Scan Centre at 5 AFH was inaugurated by Air Mshl S Varthaman AVSM VM VSM, AOC-in-C, EAC on 20 Apr 12.

Lt Gen HL Kakria PVSM AVSM VSM, DGAFMS inaugurated the CT Scan Centre at 7 Air Force Hospital, Kanpur Cantt on 18 Apr 12 in the presence of Air Mshl DP Joshi AVSM PHS, Director General Medical Services (Air).

DGAFMS and DGMS (Air) at 7 AFH

The CT scanner has a capability of sub-millimetre slicing and can perform non-invasive angiography studies including perfusion study of brain & heart, bone density and dental scan. It has latest software for body scanning including neurological, cardiac, vascular, musculo-skeletal and gastrointestinal imaging and 3D image reconstruction. Availability of this modern state-of-the-art diagnostic facility at Jorhat and Kanpur will prove to be a boon for hundreds of serving and retired personnel of the three Services.

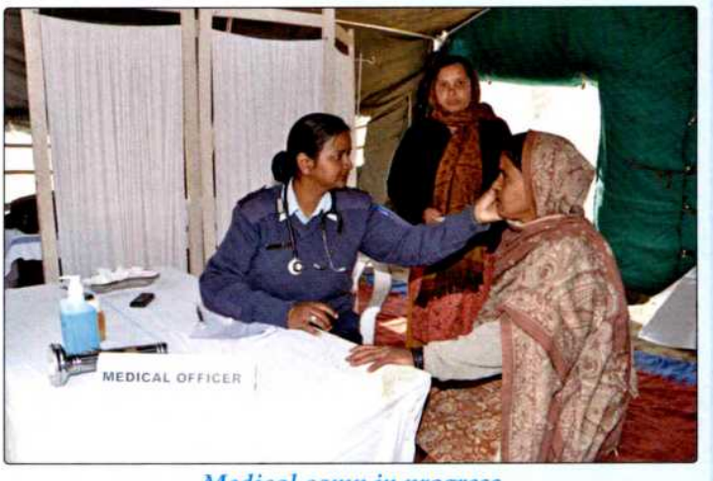
Workshop on Stress Management at AF Stn Kanpur

A health talk was organised at SMC, AF Stn Kanpur for families of DSC Personnel and NCs (E) on Stress Management and promotion of mental health. Due emphasis was given on identification, reporting and managing individuals with suicidal tendencies. Queries and doubts related to stress were addressed by the psychiatrists.

Workshop in progress

Medical Camp at AF Stn Sarsawa

As a part of social responsibility and to enhance the overall awareness about Air Force amongst the people of neighbouring villages, AF Stn Sarsawa



Medical camp in progress

organised a free medical camp for Sarsohedi, Govindpur and Balavantpur villages. SMO along with other medical officers and medical assistants carried out the medical examination. The medical camp was attended by 703 men and women of these villages.

Aesthetic Landscaping and Beautification of 12 AFH

Three stupendous creations of sculpted art, in white colour have come up in the front lawn of 12 AFH along with soothing night light facilities. Delicately hand crafted by a master craftsman, over a period of six months, these are reflective of committed workmanship. The central figure depicts two huge "Birds of Eden", which are the largest free flying birds depicting freedom. The figure to the right of this wonderful creation is another gem of craftsmanship portraying PATANJALI, author of the universally acclaimed YOGASUTRAS. The stone imitation of the master yogi shows him in a meditative and reflective mood. The sculpture to the left of the soaring "Birds of EDEN" is a divine and esoteric representation of the Indian God of medicine, Lord DHANVANTRI. Of many works attributable to

Landscaping at 12 AFH

him, the most significant was the creation of the science of Ayurveda. These were formally inaugurated in a small but befitting opening ceremony on the 27 Feb 12 by Mrs Rekha Golani, President AFWWA (L) and AOC, 17 Wg.

INAUGURATION OF ECHS POLYCLINIC AT AF STN BARNALA

Guided by the vision statement of the CAS,"**People First, Mission Always**", AF Stn Barnala completed its mandated task towards Ex-Servicemen welfare by inauguration of Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) Polyclinic under the aegis of AF Stn Barnala. The inauguration ceremony was attended by about 75 Ex- Servicemen and dependents who were jubilant with the opening of the Polyclinic at Barnala as it will significantly reduce their travel effort and expenses, limit their movement to far off places like Sangrur, Mansa and Bathinda for treatment. This Polyclinic will benefit nearly 14,000 people who are Ex-Servicemen of all the three Defence services and their dependents.

AD Cdr, WAC inaugurating the ECHS polyclinic at AF Stn Barnala

MINI MARATHON "RUN FOR FUN" AT 28 ED

To develop team spirit, unity and sportsmanship among personnel of this Stn and to select talented sportsmen to participate in AF team, a 09 Kms Mini Marathon " Run for Fun" was organised on 03 Mar 12. Stn Cdr, AF Stn, Amla flagged off the event. Personnel of all age groups enthusiastically took part in the marathon. The 1st prize winner of age group (20-30 yrs) completed the run in 45 minutes. A total of 224 personnel (Officers/Airmen) participated in the run. Winners (1st, 2nd & 3rd) of all age groups (20-30 yrs, 30-40 yrs,40-50 yrs and 50 yrs and above) were given prizes.

Stn Cdr flagging off the mini marathon

Road Safety Week Celebrated at 33 SU

A Road Safety Awareness Week was organised during Feb 12 at 33 SU. The week included guest lectures on importance of defensive driving by representatives of Traffic Police, Jodhpur and document check of private vehicles of the station personnel at Main Guard Room. In addition to the valuable tips on safe & defensive driving, the speakers advised the station personnel to be more vigilant and careful while driving, be it cycle, motor bike or car. Number of display boards on rules of safe driving and consequences of negligent driving were displayed on the parade ground. Pamphlets were also distributed amongst the station personnel on the occasion. A surprise check was conducted for serviceability of private vehicles. School buses were checked by IAF (P) personnel on subsequent days to ensure their authorised use and observance of safety precautions.

Road Safety posters

Flight Safety Awareness Camp at AF Stn Sarsawa

A flight Safety awareness campaign was organised by AF Stn Sarsawa in order to educate the residents of the surrounding villages

Awareness camp

about the flight safety measures to be undertaken by them as responsible citizens of India. Flight Safety posters were displayed and classes organised at the venue.

Sarpanch Meeting at AF Stn Sirsa

A Sarpanch meeting was conducted at AF Stn Sirsa. The meeting was attended by Mr Devender Singh Yadav, SP, Sirsa and all the Sarpanches of nearby villages. They were informed about flight safety related issues/hazards. They were also enlightened on how to dispose dead carcasses and waste food. Air Cmde SP Singh, AOC, AF Stn Sirsa appreciated their co-operation and implementation of flight safety measures in their respective villages.

Sarpanch meeting in progress

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राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी से अपनी शिक्षा पूरी करने के बाद एयर मार्शल चौहान को जून 1975 में भारतीय वायु सेना में एक लड़ाकू पायलट के रूप में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया। इन्हें लड़ाकू, हेलिकॉप्टर और प्रशिक्षक वायुयानों की विभिन्न किस्मों पर 3500 घंटों से अधिक की उड़ान का श्रेय प्राप्त है। ये संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका में एयर कमान एंड स्टाफ कॉलेज के छात्र रह चुके हैं और इन्होंने एक अग्रवर्ती लड़ाकू स्क्वॉड्रन, एक वायु रक्षा निदेशन केन्द्र और एक प्रमुख लड़ाकू वायु सेना बेस की कमान संभाली है।

एयर मार्शल चौहान मॉस्को में भारत के वायु अताशे रहे हैं और बाद में इन्होंने वायु अफसर कमांडिंग, जम्मू एवं कश्मीर के पद पर भी कार्य किया है। अपनी वर्तमान नियुक्ति से पहले ये दक्षिण वायु कमान में वरिष्ठ वायु स्टाफ अफसर के पद पर तैनात थे। इन्हें अत्यंत उत्कृष्ट कोटि की विशिष्ट सेवा के लिए 2001 और 2004 में क्रमशः विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल और अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल प्रदान किए गए।

इनकी पत्नी श्रीमती हरमिंदर चौहान एक गृहिणी हैं। इनके दो बच्चे हैं। इनका बेटा भारतीय नौसेना में अपनी सेवा दे रहा है और बेटी संयुक्त राज्य

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कीकृत रक्षा स्टाफ (संक्रिया) के उप प्रमुख भारतीय वायु सेना के पूर्वी कमान मुख्यालय में एस ए एस ओ का पदभार संभालने वाले एयर मार्शल एम मातेश्वरन अ वि से मे वा से मे 1975 में बतौर फाइटर पायलट भारतीय वायु सेना में शामिल हुए। इन्होंने अपनी 36 वर्ष की सेवा में मिग–21 और जगुआर विमानों सहित विभिन्न प्रकार के लड़ाकू विमानों के अलावा परिवहन विमान और हेलिकॉप्टर भी उड़ाए हैं। इन्होंने एक जगुआर स्ट्राइक स्क्वाड्रन का नेतृत्व किया। ये एक परीक्षणात्मक जांच पायलट रहे हैं और इन्होंने लब्ध प्रतिष्ठित उड़ान परीक्षण स्थापना ए एस टी ई का नेतृत्व किया है। एच ए एल और डी आर डी ओ के साथ दो दशकों से भी ज्यादा समय से इनके बेहद करीबी सम्पर्क रहे हैं। इन्होंने उड़ान परीक्षण, परियोजना प्रबंधन के साथ ही वायु स्टाफ आवश्यकता में विभिन्न जिम्मेवारियों का निर्वहन किया है। एयर मार्शल मातेश्वरन के पास परियोजनाओं के प्रबंधन, तकनीकी और संक्रियात्मक जरूरतों के समाधान और इंजीनियरी एवं विनिर्माण प्रक्रियाओं के बेहतरीन मूल्यांकन का भी अनुभव है। ये ए एस टी ई के कमांडेंट, वायु स्टाफ आवश्यकता के प्रधान निदेशक, समुद्री वायु ऑपरेशन मुख्यालय के वायु कमान अफसर, सहायक वायु सेनाध्यक्ष ऑपरेशन (अंतरिक्ष) और एस ए एस ओ, पूर्वी कमान का पदभार संभाल चुके हैं। इस पद पर रहते हुए इन्होंने अंतरिक्ष से जुड़ी परियोजनाओं और वायु सेना की कई डब्ल्यू परियोजनाओं का पर्यवेक्षण किया है। इन्हें वांतरिक्ष प्रौद्योगिकी एवं रणनीति में विशेषज्ञता प्राप्त सामरिक चिंतक भी माना जाता है तथा इन्होंने अमेरिका और सिंगापुर के संस्थानों समेत विभिन्न प्रमुख संस्थानों में व्याख्यान दिए हैं। श्रीमती सुमति मातेश्वरन इनकी धर्मपत्नी हैं। इनके एक पुत्र एवं एक पुत्री है।

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यर मार्शल परमजीत सिंह गिल राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी के छात्र रह चुके हैं। इन्हें 1975 में भा वा से की लड़ाकू शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया था। इन्होंने अपने उड़ान करियर के शुरूआती वर्षों में जी नैट वायुयानों और बाद में मिग–23 बी एन वायुयानों पर उड़ान भरी। ये ए–2 श्रेणी प्राप्त अत्यंत अनुभवी उड़ान अनुदेशक हैं और इन्हें 1000 घंटों से अधिक अनुदेशात्मक उड़ान और कुल मिलाकर लगभग 4000 घंटों की उड़ान का अनुभव है। ये लगभग 3 वर्षों तक उड़ान अनुदेशक स्कूल में एक अनुदेशक रहे और इन्होंने 31 स्क्वॉड्रन वा से की कमान संभाली जहां इन्हें वायु सेना मेडल का पुरस्कार प्रदान किया गया। इसके बाद इन्होंने वायु सेना स्टेशन, बीदर में मुख्य अनुदेशक के पद पर कार्य किया और फिर भारतीय थल सेना में अम्बाला स्थित सामरिक वायु केन्द्र की कमान संभालने चले गए। बाद में इन्होंने वायु सेना स्टेशन, वडसर की कमान संभाली और फिर वायु युद्धपद्धति कॉलेज, सिकंदराबाद के उप कमांडेंट के पद पर तैनात हुए। ये वायु सेना स्टेशन, कलाईकुंडा के वायु अफसर कमांडिंग थे, जो अब मित्र देशों की वायु सेनाओं के साथ हवाई अभ्यास आयोजित करने के लिए एक मॉडल स्टेशन बन गया है। वायु सेना स्टेशन कलाईकुंडा में असाधारण कोटि की विशिष्ट सेवा के लिए इन्हें 26 जनवरी 2009 को भारत के राष्ट्रपति द्वारा अति विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल प्रदान किया गया। एकीकृत रक्षा स्टाफ मुख्यालय, नई दिल्ली में एकीकृत रक्षा स्टाफ (संयुक्त संक्रिया) सहायक अध्यक्ष के पद पर अपनी अगली नियुक्ति के दौरान इन्होंने संयुक्त सैन्य ऑपरेशनों, राष्ट्रीय आपदा प्रबंधन और संयुक्त सी 4 आई 2 संरचना से संबंधित नीतियों की योजना बनाने और इनके सफल गठन में अहम भूमिका निभाई। इसके बाद इन्होंने वायु युद्धपद्धति कॉलेज, सिकंदराबाद के कमांडेंट का पदभार संभाला, और वहां से जम्मू एवं कश्मीर क्षेत्र के वायु अफसर कमांडिंग के पद पर पदोन्नत हुए। 08 जून 12 से पश्चिम वायु कमान के वरिष्ठ वायु स्टाफ अफसर का मौजूदा पदभार संभालने से पहले ये मध्य वायु कमान में वरिष्ठ वायु स्टाफ अफसर के पद पर भी रहे।इन्होंने रक्षा सेवा स्टाफ कॉलेज, उच्चतर कमान और राष्ट्रीय रक्षा कॉलेज से विभिन्न कोर्स किए हैं। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में इन्होंने एम एस सी और दो एम फिल की डिग्रियां हासिल की हैं। खेलों में इनकी काफी रूचि है और अपनी युवावस्था में ये हॉकी खेला करते थे। ये "जंगल एंड स्नो सर्वाइवल स्कूल" में निहत्था लड़ाई सिखाया करते थे। इनकी पत्नी श्रीमती पुष्पिंदर गिल को एम ए, बी एड और पी जी डी सी ए की डिग्रियां प्राप्त हैं और इन्हें शिक्षण के क्षेत्र में व्यापक अनुभव है तथा ये अफवा की एक सक्रिय सदस्य हैं। इनकी एक पुत्री है जो ऑर्थोडॉन्टिक्स में एम डी है और विवाहित है। इनका पुत्र एक इंजीनियर है और एक बहुराष्ट्रीय कंपनी में नौकरी करता है।

एयर मार्शल पी कनकराज अ वि से मे वि से मे, अनुरक्षण प्रभारी वायु अफसर

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2 नवंबर 1954 को जन्मे एयर मार्शल पी कनकराज अ वि से मे वि से मे को 25 जुलाई 1977 को भारतीय वायु सेना की वैमानिक इंजीनियरी (यांत्रिक) शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया था। ये यांत्रिक इंजीनियरी में स्नातक इंजीनियर और प्रणोदन में स्नातकोत्तर हैं। 01 अप्रैल 12 को अनुरक्षण प्रभारी वायु अफसर की अपनी मौजूदा नियुक्ति से पहले इन्होंने वायु सेना मुख्यालय में महानिदेशक (वायुयान), पश्चिम वायु कमान मुख्यालय में वरिष्ठ अनुरक्षण स्टाफ अफसर, वायु सेना तकनीकी कॉलेज के कमांडेंट, वा से मु में प्रधान निदेशक, ए ए आई डब्ल्यू, खमारिया के कमांडिंग अफसर और वायु सेना स्टेशन, जोधपुर के मुख्य इंजीनियरी अफसर जैसी विभिन्न स्टाफ और फील्ड नियुक्तियों पर कार्य किया है। एयर मार्शल कनकराज को इनकी विशिष्ट सेवा के लिए 26 जनवरी 09 को विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल प्रदान किया गया। श्रीमती उषा कनकराज इनकी पत्नी हैं और इनके दो बेटे हैं।

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एयर मार्शल जगजीत सिंह, थापर इंजीनियरी एवं प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान, पटियाला से इलेक्ट्रिकल इंजीनियरी (ऑनर्स) विषय में स्नातक इंजीनियर तथा पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय, चंडीगढ़ से इलेक्ट्रिकल इंजीनियरी विषय में ही स्नातकोत्तर हैं। इसके अलावा इन्होंने इग्नू से प्रबंधन में स्नातकोत्तर डिप्लोमा किया है। इन्हें वायुयान एवं प्रणाली के अनुरक्षण के क्षेत्र में प्रचुर अनुभव है। इन्होंने वरिष्ठ तकनीकी अफसर के रूप में मिराज 2000 स्क्वॉड्रन और मिसाइल स्क्वॉड्रनों में भी कार्य किया है। अपनी वर्तमान नियुक्ति से पहले इन्होंने विभिन्न स्टाफ एवं फील्ड नियुक्तियों में हैदराबाद स्थित वायु सेना अकादमी के मुख्य इंजीनियरी अफसर, दक्षिण पश्चिम वायु कमान मुख्यालय के कमान इंजीनियरी अफसर, 7 बेस मरम्मत डिपो के वायु अफसर कमांडिंग, वा से मु (वायु भवन) में सहायक वायुसेनाध्यक्ष, इंजी (बी) और मध्य वायु कमान मुख्यालय के वरिष्ठ अनुरक्षण स्टाफ अफसर के तौर पर भी कार्य किया है। एयर मार्शल जगजीत सिंह को गुणवत्ता, समय–सीमा के पालन और मानव संसाधन के विकास का जुनून है। ये खेलों में काफी रूचि रखते हैं और गोल्फ तथा स्क्वॉश खेलने के शौकीन हैं।

एयर मार्शल जगजीत सिंह को इनकी विशिष्ट सेवा के लिए भारत के राष्ट्रपति द्वारा 26 जनवरी 07 को विशिष्ट सेवा मेडल प्रदान किया गया। इन्हें दो बार वायुसेनाध्यक्ष के प्रशंसा–पत्र भी प्राप्त हो चुके हैं।

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एयर मार्शल रवि बर्ली वा से मे

एयर मार्शल रवि बर्ली वा से मे को 1976 में लड़ाकू पायलट के रूप में भा वा से की लड़ाकू शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया था। ये राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी(1975) और रॉयल एयर फोर्स स्टाफ कॉलेज ब्रैकनेल(यू के) (1987–88) के छात्र रह चुके हैं। तीन दशकों से अधिक के अपने करियर के दौरान इन्होंने विभिन्न किस्मों के लड़ाकू वायुयानों को उड़ाया है। इन्हें 4300 घंटों का उड़ान अनुभव है, जिसमें से काफी बड़ा हिस्सा 6 स्क्वॉड्रन, वा से के साथ जगुआर पर समुद्री आक्रमण से संबंधित ऑपरेशनों पर बीता है। ये एक ए 2 श्रेणी के योग्यताप्राप्त उड़ान अनुदेशक, यंत्र योग्यताक्रम अनुदेशक और परीक्षक तथा एक लड़ाकू आघात लीडर हैं। इन्होंने एक जगुआर स्क्वॉड्रन की कमान संभाली है और सामरिकी एवं वायु समाघात विकास स्थापना (टी ए सी डी ई) तथा उड़ान अनुदेशक स्कूल (एफ आई एस) के निदेशन स्टाफ में रहे हैं। इन्होंने फरवरी 2001 से नवंबर 2002 तक टी ए सी डी ई की कमान संभाली। एयर मार्शल बर्ली 2000 में यू एस ए एफ बहुराष्ट्रीय अभ्यास कोप थंडर के लिए अलास्का में भा वा से पर्यवेक्षक समूह के लीडर रहे हैं। टी ए सी डी ई के स्टाफ एवं कमान कार्यकाल के दौरान ये भा वा से के स्तर पर कई विकासपरक एवं संक्रियात्मक हवाई शक्ति परीक्षणों में घनिष्ठ रूप से शामिल रहे हैं।

एयर मार्शल बर्ली 1997 से 2000 तक 3 वर्षों के लिए एयर विंग डी एस एस सी के निदेशन स्टाफ में रहे हैं। ये वा से स्टेशन, जामनगर में मुख्य संक्रिया अफसर के पद पर रहे हैं और इन्होंने 2000 के गुजरात भूकंप के दौरान हवाई सहायता से जुड़े व्यापक ऑपरेशनों का जिम्मा उठाया है। इन्होंने जुलाई 2007 से मई 2009 तक वायु सेना स्टेशन, हाशीमारा की कमान संभाली है और मई 2009 से नवंबर 2010 तक मुंबई स्थित समुद्री वायु संक्रिया मुख्यालय, भा वा से के वायु अफसर कमांडिंग के पद पर रहे हैं। ये स्वीडन में रक्षा अताशे के पद के साथ–साथ तीन अन्य स्कैन्डिनेवियाई देशों डेनमार्क, नॉर्वे और फिनलैंड व प्रत्यायन पर भी रहे हैं। इनकी प्रमुख स्टाफ नियुक्तियों में पश्चिम वायु कमान के एयर1 का पद शामिल है। अपनी वर्तमान नियुक्ति से पहले ये 01 दिसंबर 2010 से 30 अप्रैल 2012 तक वैमानिक विकास एजेंसी(ए डी ए) बंगालुरू स्थित पी एम टी भा वा से के निदेशक के पद पर तैनात थे। एयर मार्शल बर्ली ने 01 मई 2012 को पूर्वी वायु कमान मुख्यालय, भा वा से के वरिष्ठ वायु स्टाफ अफसर (एस ए एस ओ) का पदभार ग्रहण किया।

एयर मार्शल रमेश राय वा से मे, एस ए एस ओ, मध्य वायु कमान

एयर मार्शल रमेश राय वा से मे

एयर मार्शल रमेश राय वा से मे ने 05 जून 12 को बमरौली स्थित प्रतिष्ठित मध्य वायु कमान के वरिष्ठ वायु स्टाफ अफसर (एस ए एस ओ) का पदभार ग्रहण किया। 26 जुलाई 1955 को जन्मे एयर मार्शल राय राष्ट्रीय रक्षा अकादमी और रक्षा सेवा स्टाफ कॉलेज के छात्र रह चुके हैं। इन्हें दिसंबर 76 में भारतीय वायु सेना की लड़ाकू शाखा में कमीशन प्रदान किया गया था। इन्होंने सेवा के शुरूआती वर्ष में जी नैट और जगुआर वायुयानों को उड़ाया और बाद में एक जगुआर स्क्वॉड्रन की कमान संभाली। ये एक प्रयोगात्मक परीक्षण पायलट और योग्यताप्राप्त उड़ान अनुदेशक हैं तथा इन्हें लगभग 4500 घंटों की उड़ान का श्रेय प्राप्त है। इन्होंने तेल अवीव, इजराइल स्थित भारतीय दूतावास में रक्षा अताशे के पद पर अपनी नियुक्ति से पहले संयुक्त निदेशक, वायु युद्ध रणनीति सेल और निदेशक, वायु स्टाफ आवश्यकता के पदों पर रहकर वा से मु में महत्वपूर्ण स्टाफ नियुक्तियों का कार्यभार संभाला है। इन्होंने कोलकाता स्थित अग्रिम मुख्यालय और वायु सेना स्टेशन, बीदर की कमान संभाली है। वायु सेना स्टेशन, बीदर में इनके कार्यकाल के दौरान भा वा से ने हॉक उन्नत जेट प्रशिक्षक वायुयान को अपने बेड़े में शामिल किया। बाद में इन्होंने नागपुर स्थित अनुरक्षण कमान मुख्यालय के वरिष्ठ वायु एवं प्रशासन स्टाफ अफसर के तौर पर कार्य किया और अपना मौजूदा कार्यभार ग्रहण करने से पहले रक्षा सेवा स्टाफ कॉलेज, वेलिंग्टन में मुख्य अनुदेशक (वायु) के पद पर भी कार्य किया।

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From the Editor

Dear readers,

This issue covers Air Force Commanders' Conference - October 2012, Indo - Singapore Joint Military Training at AF Stn Kalaikunda, Chief's visit to Myanmar and AFWWA Day Celebration with all other regular features viz., Maintenance, Celebrations, Adventure & Sports, Health etc.

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Happy reading

Jai Hind

Air Force Commanders' Conference : October 2012

The second bi-annual Air Force Commanders' Conference for the year 2012 was held at Air HQ from 16 - 18 Oct 12. The conference was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff and was attended by AOsC-in-C of all AF Commands and PSOs of Air HQ.

CAS addressing the Commanders' Conference

The theme of the conference was **'EW and other Support System'** wherein all relevant issues were discussed in detail. In his opening address, the CAS gave a brief overview of the security enviornment around the country and stressed upon the need to maintain focus on security of our borders and airbases. He also highlighted the importance of 'Security Infrastructure'.

Commanders' Conference in progress

The Commanders discussed ways to enhance efficacy of EW assets and their Op utilisation. The induction of new equipment and technologies and the progress of necessary infrastructure development was also discussed. Issues related to Operations, Aerospace Safety, Maintenance, Personnel and Administration were also discussed during the conference.

Dr Shashi Tharoor with AF Commanders

Besides presentations by the Commanders and PSOs, theme related presentations were given by concerned directorates at Air HQ. The Commanders were also addressed by Dr Shashi Tharoor, Justice AK Mathur, Chairman, Armed Forces Tribunal and Dr Sanjaya Baru, Director, Geo Economics and Strategy on topics of interest.

Air Chief Inaugurates SWAC Commanders' Conference

Annual Commanders' Conference of all AF Units under SWAC was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of Air Staff, on 22 Nov 12 at HQ SWAC

SWAC Commanders' Conference in progress

In his inaugural address, the CAS highlighted the need for operational preparedness with optimal utilisation of resources. He acknowledged the high degree of professionalism and hard work displayed by the air warriors in achieving the goals and targets. He emphasised the need to keep abreast with the latest technologies. He highlighted the exacting demands that the latest technology places while the IAF marches through a transition phase of large scale upgradation of capabilities and infrastructure. He underlined the abiding qualities of discipline and integrity in every air warrior. The annual conference is a forum for the Stn/unit Commanders to exchange views on operations, maintenance and administrative matters requiring deliberation at field level as well as Command HQ level. During the conference, the CAS awarded trophies to various units for their noteworthy performance in different aspects of operations, maintenance and administration. Earlier, on his arrival at Ahmedabad airport, the CAS and Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA were received by Air Mshl AK Gogoi, AOC-in-C, SWAC and Mrs Leena Gogoi, President, AFWWA (R). A Guard of Honour was presented to the CAS on his arrival at HQ SWAC.

Annual Commanders' Conference: TC

The two day annual TC Commanders' Conference was held at HQ TC on 29 & 30 Nov 12.

CAS awarding the trophy

TC Commanders' Conference in progress

Air Mshl Rajinder Singh AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, TC chaired the conference. AOC-in-C gave away trophies to various Stations in different categories.

CAC Aerospace Seminar at AF Stn Agra

An aerospace seminar was organised at AF Stn Agra on "Strategic Dimensions of India's Aerospace Power". The seminar was conducted in three sessions and subsequent to each session, there were fruitful and informative discussions with the audience.

AOC-in-C, CAC with participants of seminar

The topic during first session of the seminar was "The Evolving Strategic Environment". The second session was on "Combat Support Operations" and the third session was on "Building Capabilities and Enhancing Effectiveness".

The valedictory address was given by Air Mshl J Chauhan AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C, CAC and closing remarks by Air Cmde Jasjit Singh AVSM VrC VM (Retd), Director General, Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS). A large number of officers and personnel from all CAC bases attended the seminar.

Indo - Singapore Joint Military Training - 2012

Indo-Singapore Joint Military Training - 2012 was held at AF Stn Kalaikunda from 16 Oct – 30 Nov 12 as per the agreement signed between the governments of the two countries. This was the eighth such exercise between the two Air Forces. IAF SU-30 MKI and MiG-27 participated together with RSAF F-16 D + Fighting Falcons

AOC-in-C, EAC with Chief of Singapore Air Force

during the six weeks long exercise. Besides the air exercises, IAF-RSAF personnel also participated in cultural and sports activities. Major General Ng Chee Meng, PPA, Chief of Air Force, Singapore visited the base on 30 Oct 12. He was received by

Commanders with their families

Air Mshl S Varthaman AVSM VM VSM, AOC-in-C, EAC and Air Cmde R Radhish VM , AOC, AF Stn Kalaikunda on his arrival.

WAC Armament Preparation and Loading Workshop-2012

WAC Armament Preparation and Loading Workshop - 2012 was conducted at AF Stn Halwara from 07 - 09 Nov 12. Air Cmde RGK Kapoor VM, AOC, AF Stn Halwara welcomed the participants and AVM RKS Shera

Demonstration in progress

VSM, SMSO, WAC delivered the key note address. Representatives from Air HQ, WAC and units under WAC participated in the workshop.

A bomb being loaded

The participants were imparted hands-on training on fusing of different versions of 1000 lbs bombs, LGBs, 500 kg bombs, 250 Kg bombs, 100 kg bombs with combinations of tail units and fusing components. Live telecasting of the entire activity was carried out on AF Net on all the three days of the workshop.

No. 7 Joint Air Defence Instructors Course at ADC

No. 7 Joint Air Defence Instructors Course (JADIC) was conducted from 03 Sep - 12 Oct 12 for officers of AD stream of all the three services at Air Defence College. JADIC is a six week duration specialist course designed to impart training on joint operations. An impressive ceremony was held on 12 Oct 12 to mark the culmination of the course. The valedictory function was presided over by Cmde Y Kumawat VSM, President, 33 SSB. Officers received course completion certificates from the Chief Guest. Maj Surendra Singh received Central Air Command trophy for best overall performance.

Chief Guest giving away the trophy

FDR Conference of MI-17 IV Heptrs at AF Stn Jammu

A workshop on Flight Data Transfer Unit and FDR Milking & Analysis software of MI-17 IV helicopter was conducted at AF Stn Jammu on 30 Oct 12 by M/s Merlin Hawk. Representatives

from Air HQ, WAC and all the MI-17 IV operating units participated in the day long workshop. To ensure optimum utilisation of FDR resources all related issues were discussed with the OEM M/s Merlin Hawk.

FDR Conference in progress

MT Workshop & Training Camp at AF Stn New Delhi

A workshop and training camp was organised by M/s Mahindra Motors Ltd. for five days from 07-12 Aug 12 and by M/s Hindustan Motors Ltd. for three days from 25 -27 Sep 12 for free check up of the service vehicles and for the benefit of MTDs and Elect Fit of this Stn. Basic idea of the training was to promote driving skills among the air warriors. An interactive programme was conducted to instill defensive driving habits amongst the MTDs. Trouble shooting session was held with the Electricians. Various technical and mechanical features of the Mahindra Scorpio and Car /Amb vehicles were demonstrated by slide show. The participation certificates were issued to all the participants.

MT fleet being checked during the workshop

Mi-17 IV Operators' Conference 2012-13 at AF Stn Jammu

A Mi-17 IV Heptr Operators' conference was sucessefully conducted at AF Stn Jammu on 31 Oct 12 for the second consecutive year.

Operators Conference in progress

Air Cmde PE Patange YSM VM, AOC, AF Stn Jammu chaired the conference. Air Cmde PKH Sinha, C Eng O, WAC and other delegates from Air HQ, WAC, 2 TETTRA, 3 BRD and all Mi-17 IV operating units participated in the conference. Various challenges faced during operation and maintenece of the fleet were discussed during the conference to ensure safe and efficient utilisation of the fleet.

No. 12 Naval Officers' Orientation Course at ADC

Air Defence College imparts training on Air Defence to officers from tri-services. No. 12 Naval Officers' Orientation Course (NOOC-12) was held at ADC from 23 Oct – 03 Nov 12. The course is designed to provide exposure to Naval and Coast Guard officers about air defence operations. A total of 27 trainee officers attended the course.

Chief Guest giving away the trophy

An impressive ceremony was held at Air Defence College, Memaura to mark the culmination the course. Gp Capt Ajay Singh, Stn Cdr, 505 SU was the chief guest for the valedictory function. The officers received course completion certificates om the Chief Guest.

11 BRD Celebrates Quality Month

To achieve twin objectives of creating awareness and propagating the idea of "quality concern" amongst personnel, quality month was celebrated at 11 BRD from 01 - Oct 12. On this occasion various activities/programmes viz guest lecture on quality awareness, quality essay, post cards, slogans (in Hindi and English), quality circle competitions etc were conducted.

AOC, 11 BRD giving away the certificate

Appraisal Report Workshops by AFRO Team

AFRO conducted command-wise Appraisal Report Workshops at field units and also at AFRO. During the year 2012, eighteen such workshops were conducted. The AR workshops generated a lot of interest amongst the participating Warrant Officers, who also found the workshops to be very informative and useful.

Team AFRO

C Labs Workshop at AF Stn Bareilly

CLabs workshop for officers from units under CAC on leadership and organisational behaviour was conducted from 09 - 12 Oct 12 at AF Stn Bareilly. 50 Officers participated in the workshop.

Workshop participants

Workshop for DSC Personnel and NCs(E) at AF Stn Pathankot

A lecture on importance of mental health was delivered by Gp Capt VR Dubey, SMO and Mrs Sushma Gupta, Psychological Counsellor, AF Stn Pathankot on 24 Nov 12 for all DSC personnel and NCs(E) of this Stn. During the lecture various stress management techniques were discussed.

DSC personnel during lecture

During the interactive session, DSC Jawans actively participated and their doubts / apprehensions were clarified.

J&SSS Passing Out Parade at AF Stn Dalhousie

Stn Cdr handing over the certificate

Jungle & Snow Survival School, lodger unit of AF Stn Dalhousie is a premier training establishment which trains air warriors in survival techniques, escape and evasion in jungle and snow terrain. The duration of training is three weeks. The course No - 135 was held during Oct – Nov 12. There were a total of 19 trainees which included 10 officers (2 foreign officers) and 09 airmen. The course was successfully completed and POP was conducted on 09 Nov 12.

Passing Out Parade at 1 Tettra School

Passing out Parade for F (P) UPG-148 Course on MiG-27 aircraft was carried out at 1 TETTRA School on 09 Nov 12. A total of seven officers completed the course which started on 01 Oct 12. Gp Capt S Dargar, Stn Cdr, 1 TETTRA School was the chief guest on the occasion and presented the certificates and trophies to officers.

Chief Guest with prize winner

Motivational Lecture at IP Engineering College Ghaziabad

A motivational lecture on 'Various Career Opportunities Available in IAF' was conducted at IP Engineering College, Ghaziabad on 30 Nov 12. Fg Offr Pallavi Mahapatra delivered the lecture to the young minds about various career opportunities available for both men and women in different

branches of IAF. The IAF publicity materials were also distributed among the students

Lecture in progress at IP Engineering College

Guest Lecture on Art of Relationship Management at 1 Tettra School

A guest lecture on Art of Relationship Management through Human Engineering was organised on 23 Oct 12 at 1 Tettra School. The lecture was given by Dr NK Sahani, Corporate

Lecture in progress

Motivator, Head of Department, Management, Panjab University. All officers of 1 TETTRA School attended the lecture.

Road Safety Campaign by AF School Sirsa

To sensitise children on Road Safety issues various activities like drama, recitation and lectures were conducted in AF School, Sirsa. In this campaign, children were sensitised about road safety through the help of demonstration, lecture and slogan. They were explained about the traffic rules. Children took part enthusiastically and overwhelming response was observed during the campaign.

Demonstration of road signs

MNS Raising Day Celebrated at 11 AFH

MNS raising day was celebrated on 01 Oct 12 at 11 AFH. Nightingle oath was taken by all the Nursing officers to provide optimum care with concern for patient safety.

Nightangle oath

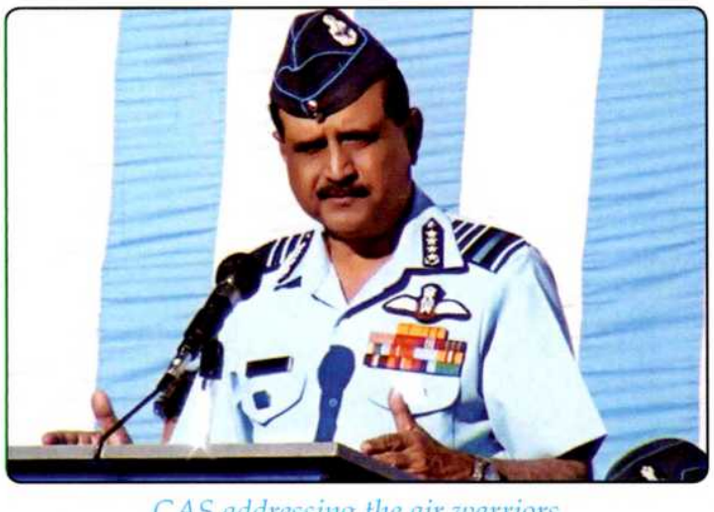
Guard of Honour to the Hon'ble President at Mumbai

Guard of Honour was presented to Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 04 Oct 12 during his visit to Mumbai area. The three wings of Indian Armed Forces participated in the guard of honour. Air warriors from AF Stn Mumbai and its lodger units represented the AF in the guard of honour.

Hon'ble President reviewing the Guard of Honour

CAS Visits AF Stn Dalhousie

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff visited AF Stn Dalhousie from 12 – 14 Oct 12. During the course of visit, the CAS was briefed about the various activities undertaken at the Stn by Gp Capt A Debnath, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Dalhousie. The CAS then interacted with all Stn personnel and wished them all success in future endeavours.



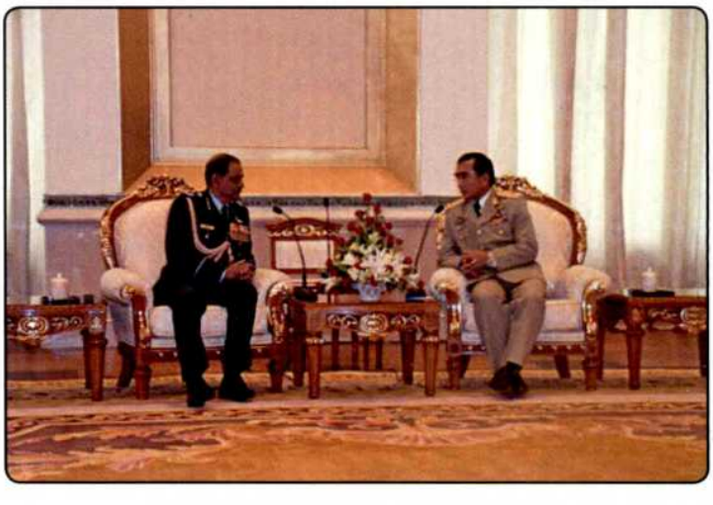
CAS addressing the air warriors

CAS interacting with air warriors

CAS Visits Myanmar

The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) and Chairman Chief of Staff Committee (COSC) was on a four day Defence Cooperation visit to the Union of Myanmar from 26 - 29 Nov 12. The CAS led a five member composite Defence delegation comprising senior officers of the three services.

India - Myanmar share a common



CAS in discussion with C-in-C, Myanmar Air Force

CAS with dignitaries of Myanmar

boundary spanning 1850 Kms where relations are multi-faceted and founded on historic linkages. The Indian Prime Minister's historic visit to Myanmar after 25 years in May last year, Madam Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's recent visit and Raksha Mantri's proposed visit early this year testify the enhanced bilateral cooperation between the two neighbours.

CAS at Mingaladon Air Base

The Air Chief called on President U Thien Sein, Vice Senior Gen Min Aung Hlang (C-in-C Defence Services) and Gen Myat Hein (C-in-C air) during his visit towards reinforcing defence ties. He discussed a wide range of bilateral issues on the ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries and further outlined the areas of mutual interest as part of a broader military engagement. The delegation also visited the National Defence College, a flying training base, aircraft Production and assembly Plant at Shante and the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Kalaw.

AOC-in-C, WAC Visits AF Stn Basant Nagar

Air Mshl Arup Raha AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, WAC visited MCC, AF Stn Basant Nagar on 27 Nov 12. The Air Marshl reviewed a Guard of Honour presented by air warriors of the Stn. All operational, maintenance and administrative aspects of the Stn were briefed to AOC-in-C by AOC, AF Stn Basant Nagar. The AOC-in-C addressed air warriors, officers, DSC personnel and civilian staff of the Stn, and urged all air warriors to enhance their professional capabilities to keep pace with the latest technology being inducted in the IAF.

AOC-in-C, WAC reviewing the Guard of Honour

AOC-in-C TC Visits SDI

Air Mshl Rajinder Singh AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, TC visited SDI on 06 Nov 12. He was accompanied by Mrs Jyoti Singh, President, AFWWA (R). On arrival, they were received by AVM BK Sood VSM, Comdt, SDI and Mrs Preetika Sood, President, AFWWA (L).

Air Marshal inspected the Guard of Honour presented by the air warriors. He also inaugurated the new Motivation Hall during the visit. He visited various labs and reviewed the avionics and simulations projects undertaken by SDI. The AOC-in-C later addressed the air warriors of the institute and interacted with them.

AOC-in-C, TC inaugurating the Motivational Hall

AOP Visits AFA

Air Mshl Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, AOP & first Commodore Comdt of AFA visited this premier institute on 08 Nov 12. During this visit he interacted with the air warriors of AFA and conveyed his felicitation on seeing AFA as one of the best training establishments of IAF for training the future officers of IAF in a befitting manner.

AOP interacting with air warriors

C-in-C, ANC Visits AF Stn Car Nicobar

Air Mshl PK Roy AVSM VM VSM, C-in-C, ANC arrived at AF Stn Car Nicobar on his maiden two days visit on 15 Nov 12. He was accompanied by Mrs Ranjana Roy, President, Defence Wives

C-in-C, ANC with Stn Cdr, AF Stn Carnic

Welfare Association (DWWA), ANC. The Air Marshal visited all units and sections of the Stn. He inaugurated a new telephone exchange for the Stn. Air Marshal paid homage to the Air Force personnel and their families who lost their lives during Tsunami on 26 Dec 04, at Air Force Tsunami Memorial.

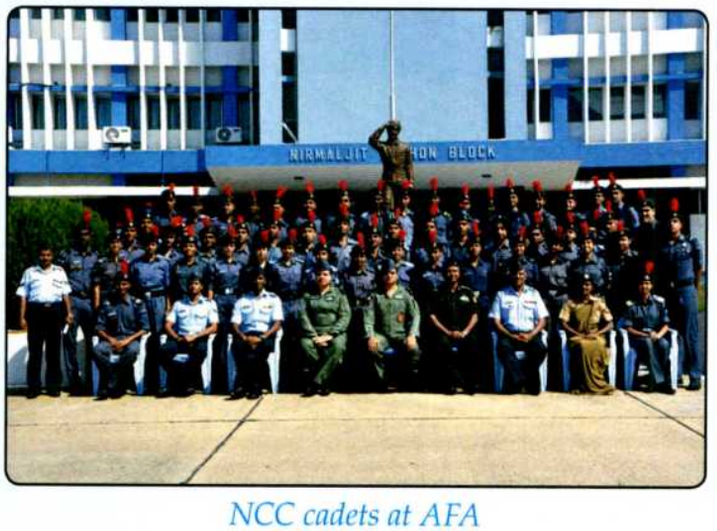
Visit by NCC Cadets of IIT Khargapur to AF Stn Kalaikunda

NCC cadets at AF Stn Kalaikunda

As a part of educational tour, 126 NCC cadets of IIT Khargapur visited AF Stn Kalaikunda on 30 Nov 12. They visited ATC & MiG 27 Sqn, Tech Flt and interacted with pilots and technicians. A motivational movie on IAF was screened on the day as a part of visit.

NCC Cadets Visits AFA

NCC cadets visited AFA as part of their familiarisation visit to this premier institute. They were exposed to various activities during their one week stay. Lectures were organised to motivate cadets to join IAF as commissioned officers. The cadets come from all corners of the country to see the pre-commissioning training imparted to Flt Cadets at AFA. The cadets during the interaction revealed that such visits to defence installations gave them opportunities to see the professionalism displayed by defence personnel.



NCC cadets at AFA

Visit of RAF AAR Aircrew to AF Stn Hindan

As a part of the ongoing Indo-UK Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting, a Royal Air Force (RAF) AAR Aircrew delegation comprising Wg Cdr Peter Robert Morgan, Sqn Ldr Philip Stephen McConnell and Flt Lt Philip Walton visited AF Stn Hindan on 22 Nov 12. The delegation called on Air Cmde SR Singh VM VSM, AOC, AF Stn Hindan and visited 77 Sqn and interacted with the aircrew. On this occasion, mementoes were also exchanged.

RAF delegate with CO, 77 Sqn

Visit by Director Group Station DSC, HQ Bengal Area to 5 WG AF

Col VC Joshi, Director, Group Station DSC, HQ Bengal Area carried out annual adm inspection of DSC Platoon attached to 5 Wg from 07 - 08 Nov 12. He inspected DSC line, offices and guard posts during his visit. The DSC Platoon was awarded first position in HQ Bengal area.

Director Group Station DSC at 5 Wg AF

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting was held on 16 Oct 12 at Akash Officers' Mess, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA. All the Presidents

President, AFWWA with Board members

AFWWA (Regional) and Board Members attended the meeting. Various points related to the cause of AFWWA were discussed during the meeting

Meeting in progress

Annual General Body Meeting and AFWWA Day Celebration 2012

AFWWA celebrated its 42nd anniversary along with its Annual General Body meeting on 18 Oct 12 at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto

President, AFWWA with participants

Park, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA. Sanginis from different units in Delhi area joined the celebrations with great zeal and enthusiasm. The eighteenth edition of AFWWA magazine 'Sangini' was also released during the occasion.

President, AFWWA addressing the sanginis

Cultural programme by sanginis

President, AFWWA (R), TC Visits SDI

Mrs Jyoti Singh, President, AFWWA (R), TC visited AFWWA (L) at SDI on 06 Nov 12. During the visit, she inaugurated the new 'AFWWA Parisar'. She also witnessed the cultural programme presented by the sanginis and had a fruitful interaction with them.

President, AFWWA (R), TC with sanginis

AFWWA Day Celebration at AF Stn Rajasansi

AFWWA week was celebrated at AF Stn Rajasansi with great zeal and enthusiasm. In order to make this event memorable and successful, various fun filled and informative activities were planned by AFWWA (L). Classes on papad, pickle, candle making and fabric painting for sanginis were conducted on 25 Oct 12. Educative lectures by SMC staff and psychologist for sanginis were conducted on 26 Oct 12. AFWWA Picnic and meeting was held at Fun City, Amritsar for sanginis on 28 Oct 12. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Sarita Bhate, President, AFWWA (L).

Motivational lecture for sanginis

AFWWA Day Celebration at AF Stn Awantipur

AFWWA Day was celebrated at AF Stn Awantipur from 15 - 17 Oct 12. Various events like Cookery, Mehandi, Declamation, Painting, Rangoli Competition were held. The sanginis wholeheartedly participated in the 'Marathon Race' conducted for them. Prizes were distributed to all the winners by President AFWWA(L).

President, AFWWA(L) reviewing the entries

AFWWA Day Celebration at AF Stn Jammu

To commemorate the AFWWA day (28 Oct 12), Mrs Mamta Patange, President, AFWWA(L) Jammu inaugurated the week long programme on 19 Oct 12. The celebrations began with a 'Healthy Snacks Competition' on 19 Oct 12. A sports meet was also organised on 25 Oct 12 which included sprint events apart from the other races. A Diya

and Mehendi competition was also organised on the same day. A cultural event with a variety entertainment programme was presented by all sanginis. The celebrations included programmes of entertainment as well as of educational value. A lecture on 'Joint Pain amongst Ladies' was delivered by the SMO. The ten day long celebrations ended with a lunch organised for all the sanginis on 28 Oct 12.

President, AFWWA(L) inaugurating the celebration

AFWWA Week Celebration at AF Stn Halwara

AFWWA week was celebrated with characteristic enthusiasm in which various activities were organised at AF Stn Halwara. The celebrations were spread over a week to ensure complete involvement of the sanginis. The AFWWA week celebration commenced on 14 Oct 12 with drawing and painting competition for the wards of the AF Personnel. More than 250 children of various age groups participated in the competition. This was followed by Mehndi, sweet making, jewelry making and Rangoli making competitions for the sanginis on 20 Oct 12. Lecture on fire hazards of LPG and safety precautions was organised with the help of IOC on 25 Oct 12. The same day a lecture on day to day stress and role of yoga was also conducted. The station legal officer addressed the issues of socio-economic scenario and importance of legal awareness amongst sanginis. The culmination of AFWWA week was on 03 Nov 12.

Sanginis with President, AFWWA(L)

AFWWA Week Celebration at AF Stn Kalaikunda

AFWWA week 2012 was celebrated at AF Stn Kalaikunda from 10 - 15 Oct 12. All sanginis of the Stn took part in various events during the celebration. The celebration concluded with various competitions like poetry, quiz, dance etc. Many hidden talents were discovered during the competitions. On the concluding day, an AFWWA meeting was organised in which Mrs Hyacinth May Radhish, President, AFWWA (L) brought out the significance of AFWWA in today's world. She gave away prizes to the winners and participants.

Competition in progress

AFWWA (L) Picnic at 740 SU AF

A picnic for sanginis of the Stn and its lodger units was organised by AFWWA (L) on 10 Nov 12 at Dainkund which is a famous picnic spot located at a distance of 16 kms from the Stn. During the picnic various fun-filled games were organised. Sanginis cherished each and every moment of the picnic and made it an event to remember.

Sanginis participating in games during the picnic

Visit by Sanginis at MCRC Location and OPS Room at 263 SU

Sanginis of AFWWA (L) visited the MCRC location and Ops room of 263 SU on 31 Oct 12 and were briefed about the way operations are conducted at these set ups, their importance and significance for the IAF.

President, AFWWA(L) at MCRC location

Driving Training Camp for Sanginis at AF Stn Suryalanka

Qualified and experienced IAF instructors conducted two 'Driving Training Camps' exclusively for sanginis at AF Stn Suryalanka. The four week camp had a tough 15 hour training schedule. The syllabus consisted of theory classes covering traffic signs and relevant rules, and guidelines on vehicle maintenance, safety tips, tyre change etc. Ten hours of driving classes were also conducted. After the written and driving test, a delighted lot of twenty three trained lady drivers were armed with their Learner's Licenses.

Sanginis at training camp

AFWWA Week Celebration at Ojhar

AFWWA (L) Ojhar celebrated its AFWWA week from 08 - 13 Oct 12. A series of activities/ competitions were conducted throughout the week viz cooking class, painting competition, Mehandi competition, Rangoli decoration etc. The AFWWA week celebrations came to an end with a Food carnival. It was appreciated and enjoyed by everyone

Cooking class in progress

AIR FORCE DAY 2012 : CULT

Air Force Ball

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Air Force Auditorium

AF Stn Carnicobar

AF Stn Chabua

AF Stn Bhisiana

263 SU, AF

AF Stn Dalhousie

Children's Day Celebration at AF Stn Srinagar

Towards Children's Day Celebrations, a fancy dress competition and a drawing competition was organised by AFWWA (L), Srinagar. Children of various age groups participated with great enthusiasm in the competitions which were attended by the proud parents and families of the Stn. Attractive prizes were distributed to the winners and the participants by Mrs Vyjayanthi Choudhury, President, AFWWA (L).

Participants of various competitions

Cohesion Day Celebration at AF Stn New Delhi

Cohesion Day was observed at AF Stn New Delhi on 24 Aug and 28 Sep 12. A programme was organised involving sports and games as well as personal and professional interactions amongst air warriors. Overall, the Cohesion Day programme has generated significant enthusiasm and zeal amongst air warriors. All personnel have immensely valued the experience and sought more such interactions. The topics such as road safety, cyber security, discipline and safe custody of AFICs were covered during the interaction. A plan has been drawn up for organising such events on a monthly basis.

Basketball match during cohesion day

Musical Night at AF Stn Dalhousie

As part of Diwali Celebrations, an engrossing Musical Night and Jam Session were organised at the Stn on 11 Nov 12 for all personnel and their family members. Besides music and dance, various events like Balloon & Lemon on spoon race for children, Musical Chair for sanginis and Fun questions for the audience were conducted. Meritorious students of the Stn who excelled in studies and topped their respective classes were given gifts by Mrs Shilpa Debnath, President, AFWWA(L), AF Stn Dalhousie. Gifts were also given to the winners of various events. The informal gathering and wholesome participation by each and everyone made the event a memorable one.

Performance during musical night

Inter Unit Civilian Cultural Programme at AF Stn Barrackpore

Participants from all AF Stns of EAC gathered for a Command Civilian Cultural programme which was organised at AF Stn Barrackpore on 02 Nov 12 . The event was organised by the civilian employees of this Stn. A total of 75 civilian staff including family members participated in the colourful event. The function culminated with the closing address by Gp Capt AR Shendye VM, Stn Cdr and presentation of gifts to all the participants by President AFWWA(L).

Cultural event in progress

Annual Day Celebration at AF School Halwara

The annual day function of AF School Halwara was held on 07 Nov 12. Air Cmde RGK Kapoor VM, AOC and Chairman SMC was the chief guest. The theme of the function was 'Around The World'. There was an overwhleming participation by the students as they staged a scintillating performance by giving the audience glimpses of dances and cultural activities across the globe. Dr (Mrs) Suneeta Kapoor, President, AFWWA (L) gave away academic and co-curricular activity related prizes. The function concluded with a special song

Cultural programme in progress

by teachers and students both, urging all present at the function to 'Heal the World'.

AF School Jammu Celeberates Annual Sports Day

AF School Jammu celebrated Annual Sports Day on 09 Nov 12. Athletics and other track and field competitions were held in the presence of the parents, air warriors, other guests and dignitaries. Students of all classes enthusiastically participated in the sports meet. On this occasion, a colorful cultural progamme was also put up by the students of AF School. Minister for Medical Education, Youth Services and Sports,

Chief Guest being received at the Annual Sports Day

Sqn Ldr (Retd) RS Chib, was the Chief Guest. Air Cmde PE Patange YSM VM, AOC received the Chief Guest. The Minister appreciated holding such a morale boosting programme and elaborated the significance of sports in life. The chief guest also presented trophies and certificates to the winners.

Chabua's Got Talent

To mark the 80th Anniversary of IAF, a talent hunt was oragnised at AF Stn Chabua on 17 Oct 12 by AFWWA(L). The talent hunt drew huge crowds and served as a platform for all the personnel and families of AF Stn Chabua to showcase their talent. A total of 80 candidates were auditioned for the event which included children, ladies and air warriors. The participants showcased their talents in singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, skit, mime, mimicry and performances on patriotism, culture and heritage and Air Force history. The event was conducted in three rounds i.e. preliminary round, semifinals and finals to shortlist the winners. The winners in each category were awarded by President AFWWA(L).

Performances in progress

Book Exhibition at AF Stn Nal

A book exhibition by Navneet Publication was organised under the aegis of AFWWA (L) at AF Stn Nal. Large number of school going children and families visited the book fair. The exhibition was aimed at spreading awareness among the children and families and to inculcate reading habits and improving scholastic standards amongst ladies and children.

Book exhibition

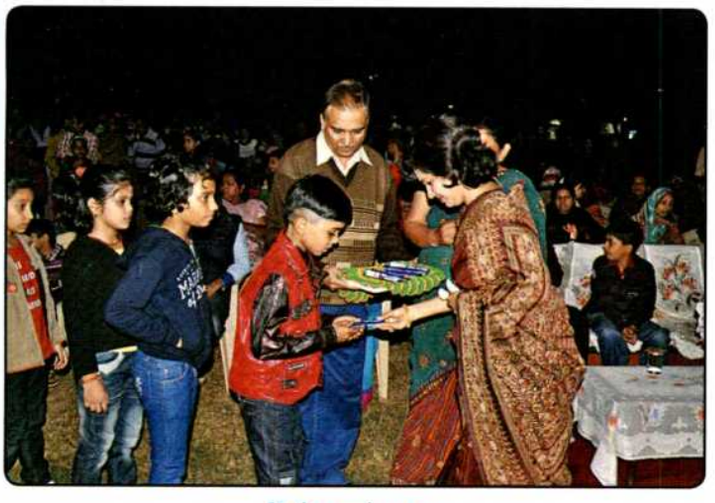
Station Mela at AF Stn Basant Nagar

AF Stn Basant Nagar organised the Station Mela on 04 Nov 12 at Basant Vatika, New Pinto Park. Various activities such as quiz competition for ladies, tambola and sports activities for children, free horse riding for children were the major attractions. A cultural programme was also organised for showcasing the individual talent of air warriors and their families.

Children participating in games

Conduct of Diwali Mela at AF Stn Srinagar

On eve of Diwali, a Station Mela was organised on 11 Nov 12. All the units/sections including AFWWA (L) participated by setting up stalls of a wide variety of games, fast food, beverages, crackers and utensils. This Mela has become an annual feature that provides a platform for social gathering to increase the interaction amongst all personnel of the Stn in hard field area.



Prize winners

Adult Literacy Classes at AF Stn Nal

Adult literacy classes were organised at AF Stn Nal in order to make the families of air warriors, NCs (E), civilians and DSC personnel aware of the latest educational trends. The classes were conducted under the aegis of AFWWA (L). The programme was attended by a large number of ladies.

Class in action

Diwali Mela at AF Stn Thane

A grand diwali mela was organised by Sanginis of AF Stn Thane. A numbers of stalls of cosmetic items, food items, art & crafts, book stall, game stall etc were set up by the sanginis themselves . On the occasion drama, dance & painting competitions were organised for the children of the sangainis. Air warriors, alongwith their children enjoyed the festivities.

Drawing competition in progress

Pension Adalat and Ex-servicemen Mela at Port Blair

Event in progress

With a view to enhance the awareness and satisfaction level related to pension and welfare among the Ex-Servicemen of the Islands, a Pension Adalat & Ex-Servicemen Mela was conducted on 25 Nov 12 at AF Stn Port Blair. All together 43 Ex-Servicemen attended the Mela. Air Cmde TK Sinha, CSO(Ops), HQ ANC was the Chief Guest.

Publicity Stall by IAF in Army Mela at Nowshera

A Publicity Stall of IAF was put up by AF Stn Jammu at the the Army Mela organised by the Army on 19 & 20 Sep 12 at Nowshera. The stall was oriented towards creating awareness among the visiting public about career opportunities in IAF. The main attraction of the stall was the rolling presentation run throughout the period of the mela on various opportunities available in the IAF as well as other visuals on Air Force related materials. The opportunities available in the IAF were also highlighted through various display boards and posters. Pamphlets, calendars, stickers, posters, pens, diaries etc. were also distributed to the visitors of the stall and their queries answered regarding the career opportunities in IAF.

GOC-in-C, Northern Command at AF stall

Aerospace Safety Awareness Mela at Village Aitiana by AF Stn Halwara

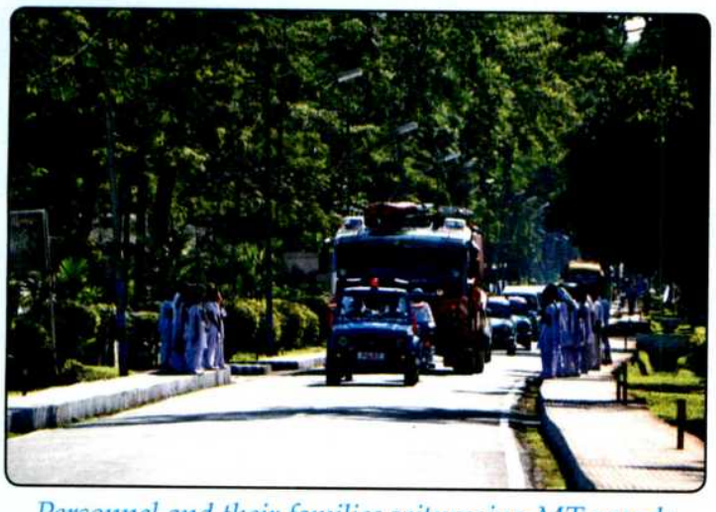
Aerospace safety mela and free medical check-up camp was organised by AF Stn, Halwara at village Aitiana, Ludhiana to create aerospace safety awareness among the villagers residing around Halwara airfield. Aerospace safety, security and publicity stalls were put up and were manned by well versed officers and airmen to generate awareness amongst villagers. Drawing competitions for all school going children were also organised to enhance personal hygiene and sanitation, and to motivate them to keep their surroundings clean. Publicity material like aerospace safety posters, stickers, pamphlets, note pads and calendars were distributed to all visitors. Movies based on IAF and aerospace safety were screened for the aspiring youth and adults to enhance their awareness towards IAF as a career option as well as to promote aerospace safety.

Villagers during the mela

Road Safety Week at AF Stn Chabua

A road safety and awareness week was organised from 15 - 17 Oct 12 at AF Stn Chabua. The safety week included guest lectures on importance of defensive driving by representatives of Traffic Police, Dibrugarh and 100% document check of private vehicles of the station personnel by Air Force Police. A free check-up of two wheelers and four wheelers was also conducted during

the course of safety week. In addition, a painting competition was organised for the school children on the theme 'Road Safety'. On the last day, MT parade was organised and pamphlets were distributed for awareness on road safety amongst all the personnel, families and children of AF Stn Chabua.



Personnel and their families witnessing MT parade

Children's Rally on 'Save Environment' at AF Stn Nal

A rally on 'Save Environment' was organised by AFWWA (L) for the children of KV No -03 for spreading awareness amongst the local population of Nal Village as well as AF Stn Nal. All children of the AF Stn participated in the programme and made it a successful event.

Children during the rally

Tree Plantation Drive by IAF at Delhi

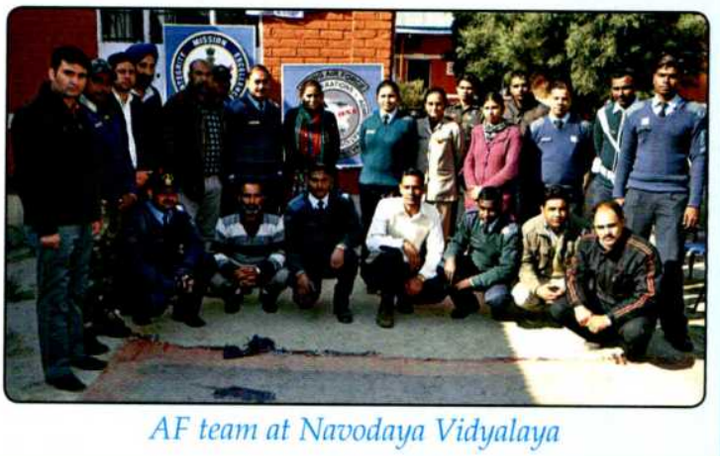
As a part of 80th Anniversary of IAF, the air warriors of AF Stn New Delhi joined hands in the aforestation programme for restoration of Sanjay Van, a heritage forest which is an extension of oldest Aravali mountains on 23 Oct 12.

Tree plantation drive

The aim of the event was to restore the degraded ridge forest, conserve and reinforce Aravali trees and provide people of Delhi an urban forest in the heart of the city. The team has undertaken multifaceted tasks like protecting endangered flora, planting of medicinal plants that flourished in Delhi ridge forest in the past.

Health and Flight Safety Awareness Camp at Navodaya Vidyalaya Srinagar

As a part of the Station Outreach programme meant to project the soft image of the IAF



AF team at Navodaya Vidyalaya

amongst the people of J&K, a health camp was organised for medical checkup of all the students of Navodaya Vidyalaya, Srinagar on 06 Nov 12. The students were made aware about various diseases and precautions to be taken to avoid the diseases. Flight safety related topics were also introduced to spread flight safety awareness amongst the students of the school.

AOC-in-C, SWAC inaugurates New SNCO's Mess at AF Stn Mumbai

The new SNCO's Mess at AF Stn Mumbai was inaugurated by Air Mshl AK Gogoi PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C, SWAC on 11 Oct 12 at Santa Cruz, Mumbai. Gp Capt S Srivastava, Stn Cdr received AOC-in-C. The new mess is a six storeyed building equipped with all facilities. This will go a long way in solving the problem of accommodation shortage of living-in SNCOs and air warriors coming on TD or attachment to Mumbai area.

AOC-in-C, SWAC inaugurating the SNCOs' Mess

Inauguration of New Shopping Complex at AF Stn Srinagar

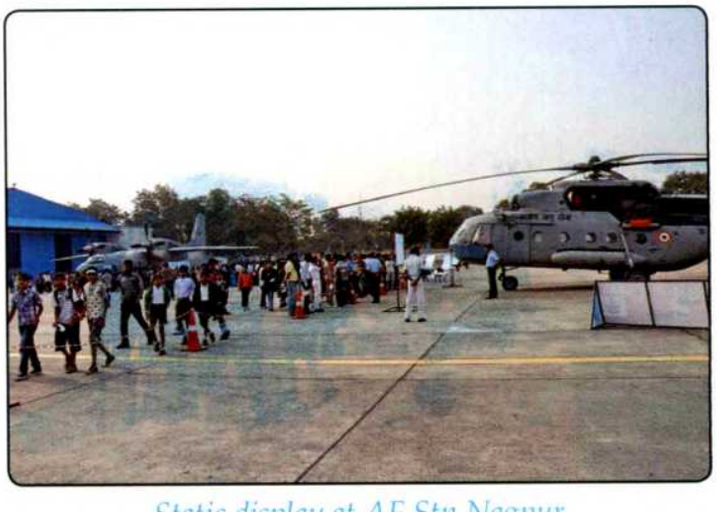
A new double storey shopping complex named 'Mall One' was inaugurated on 11 Nov 12 by Mrs Vyjayanthi Choudhury, President AFWWA (L). The new complex consists of various shops

President, AFWWA(L) inaugurating the shopping complex

like restaurants, bakery, electronics, general stores, tours & travels shop, etc. The shopping complex provides all facilities under one roof and will go a long way in improving the quality of life for all personnel and their families at AF Stn, Srinagar.

Air and Static Display at AF Stn Nagpur

As part of celebration of 80th anniversary of the IAF, an Air & Static display was organised by HQ MC at AF Stn Nagpur on 25 Nov 12. The Air display consisted of fly past by AVRO & 3 x SU-30 aircraft and remote controlled aerobatics by aero models. The other displays included an impressive performance by Air Warrior Drill Team (AWDT), sky diving by the Akash Ganga team



Static display at AF Stn Nagpur

and presentation of martial tunes by the Air Force Band. The static display included AN-32, AVRO, ALH and Mi-17 aircraft.

Air Marshal Jagdish Chandra AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C, MC, the chief guest, accompanied by Mrs Sharmila Chandra, President, AFWWA (R) was received by Air Cmde SW Gosewade VM, AOC and Mrs Neeta Gosewade, President, AFWWA (L). The display was attended by school children, invited guests, NCC cadets, members of media, IAF personnel and their families. The show was also witnessed by a large number of civilian population and evoked great interest and enthusiasm.

'Bhoomi Poojan' for C-17 Globemaster Project at AF Stn Hindan

Towards inducting C-17 Globemaster-III at AF Stn Hindan, the 'Bhoomi Poojan' for setting

Bhoomi Pujan in progress

up of various infrastructure for housing the latest inventory was held on 19 Oct 12. Reps from Larsen and Toubro and Boeing attended the function.

Visit of 52 NDC Course Batch Officers to 11 BRD

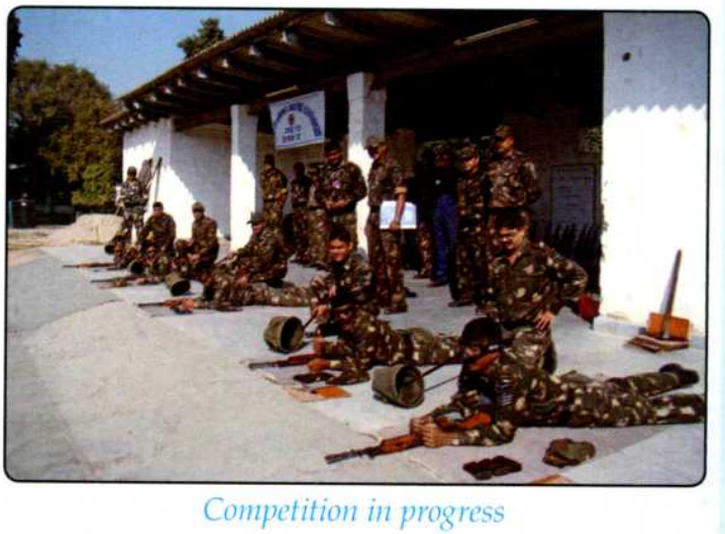
52 NDC course batch officers visited 11 BRD on 25 Oct 12. They were received by Air Cmde Kuldeep Sharma VSM, AOC, 11 BRD. The team was given detailed presentation on role and functioning

NDC course officers at 11 BRD

of 11 BRD and thereafter they were taken to various hangars of the Depot to get first hand experience of production and repair activities performed at this Depot.

Inter-Wing Shooting Competition at AFRO

The Inter-Wing Shooting Competition for personnel of AFRO was organised as a part of Annual Sports Events – 2012. The participation of individuals in the competition was overwhelming. The winners were appreciated and awarded medals for their performance by AOC, AFRO. The event was able to attract youngsters and provided individuals a platform to improve their shooting skills.



Competition in progress

5TH INTER COMMAND AF SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

5th Inter Command AF Schools Sports Championship 2012 was held at AF Stn Jalahalli from 05 - 09 Nov 12 in five disciplines viz Cricket, Football and Basketball for boys and Badminton and Table Tennis for both boys and girls. Inter

AOC-in-C, TC with winner team

command AF Schools Sports Championship is annually held to instill and encourage healthy competition among children and also to provide a platform for showcasing talented and potential sportsman in our schools. All the Commands of IAF except SAC participated in these games.

Basket Ball match in progress

Based on the overall points scored by different command teams, the Air HQ team was declared the overall champion for the third time. TC Team was declared Runners Up.

AIR FORCE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT AF STN HINDAN

The Air Force Golf Championship was held at AF Stn Hindan from 06 - 10 Nov 12. Eight teams (Seven Command Teams and one Air HQ team) participated in the competition. WAC won the overall championship trophy. NC(E) JR Bharadwaj of MC won the individual championship.

Inauguration ceremony

AIR FORCE WEIGHT LIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2012-13

Air Force Weight Lifting championship 2012-13 was held at 3 BRD from 09 - 12 Oct 12. A total of eight teams of various Commands and Air HQ participated in the championship. Weight lifters of international and national repute participated in the championship in different weight categories. CAC lifted the winners trophy by logging 144 points. EAC was declared runners up with 137 points. The best lifter award went to KL Meitei of CAC. Air Cmde Suresh Singh VSM, AOC, 3 BRD felicitated the winners with prizes.

A goodwill T-20 cricket match was played between Budgam- Team XI and team of AF Stn, Srinagar on 09 Oct 12 and 10 Nov 12 as part of 80th AF Day Celebration. The goodwill matches were played as an initiative aimed at fostering goodwill, harmony and interaction with the local residents. The match was organised by the Stn and played at Budgam Cricket ground. Sqn Ldr (Retd) RS Chib, Sports Minister, J&K was the Chief Guest for the occasion. DC Budgam and other senior officials of the state administration were also present. Air Cmde D Choudhury VM VSM, AOC, AF Stn Srinagar gave away the cash prize to the winning team and to the man of the match.

Inter Unit Sports Meet at AF Stn Hindan

In order to instill the feeling of sportsmanship and towards identifying individual talent in the field of sports, the 'Inter Unit Sports Meet' was organised at AF Stn Hindan on 06 Nov 12. Various games viz Cricket, Football, Hockey, Volleyball and Athletics formed the part of the meet.

AOC interacting with players

River Rafting Expedition by AFRO

A river rafting expedition was organised by AFRO under the aegis of Dte of Adv, Air HQ in the month of October12. The team comprised 26 participants i.e. 02 officers, 17 airmen and 05 civilians and 02 ladies who volunteered for

Team at Alaknanda river

the expedition. The team assembled at Alaknanda River Adventure Camp on 26 Oct 12 at around 0500h. On the first day, the team covered a distance of 11 Kms up to Shivpuri with 03 rapids. After the event on first day, the team returned to the camp highly motivated. In the evening, the team also participated in the rock climbing event (rappelling) organised at the camp. The next day, the team successfully rafted over distance of 16 Kms from Shivpuri to Rishikesh crossing three large rapids. On successful conclusion of the event, the team returned to Delhi on the same evening.

Sports Closing Ceremony at AF Stn Srinagar

To inculcate team spirit and comradeship amongst the air warriors, the Annual Inter

AOC handing over the trophy

Unit Sports Championship was conducted at AF Stn Srinagar. During this championship, which was conducted over three months, outdoor and indoor games, athletics, range firing competition and inter unit drill competitions were conducted. The Championship culminated with finals of athletic events and a prize distribution ceremony by AOC on 05 Nov 12.

Trekking Expedition at 15 FBSU AF

Air Force Contingent comprising of 03 officers & 08 airmen, led by Gp Capt S Sadashivpeth, Stn Cdr, 15 FBSU proceeded for 04 days trekking expedition to Saddle Peak, the highest point in A&N group of Islands. The expedition was flagged off by Air Cmde TK Sinha, CSO (Ops), HQ ANC on 19 Nov 12. The expedition was undertaken with the aim to provide exposure to air warriors on basic mountaineering, jungle survival skills and interacting with the local populace. The participants studied the flora and fauna of the area and also undertook route cleaning while on their way to Saddle Peak. They interacted with the locals and exchanged pleasantries creating a feeling of bonhomie and belongingness. They came back on 22 Nov 12 with a message of protecting the ecosystem at all costs and respecting the local culture/values and scale higher peaks in future.

Trekking expedition in action

Bicycle Expedition by AF Stn Kanheri Hills

A Bicycle Expedition was conducted as a part of adventure activities 2012 of the Stn. A team of 12 air warriors of the Stn were selected to be a part of the expedition from AF Stn Kanheri Hills to AF Stn Lonavala and back. The expedition was flagged off by Gp Capt Devendra Shrivastava, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Kanheri Hills on 01 Nov 12. The team covered a total of 250 Kms over a span of five days.

Expedition team with Stn Cdr

Annual Sports Day at AF School Awantipur

Annual Sports Day was celebrated at AF School Awantipur from 15 - 17 Oct 12. Just before the onset of the winter months the children had a 'field day' under the sun at their school. The tiny tots of this pre-primary school displayed a great sense of participation and made the event a great success.

Tiny tots during games

Inauguration of New SMC at AF Stn Mumbai by DGMS (Air)

The new building of SMC was inaugurated by Air Mshl AK Behl AVSM, DGMS (Air) on 03 Nov 12 at Sion (E), Mumbai. Gp Capt S Srivastav, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Mumbai, Gp Capt AG Nair, SMO and Gp Capt AM Sharma, C Adm O were present at the inauguration function. The new SMC aims at providing better medical facilities to the air warriors and their families.

DGMS(Air) inaugurating the new SMC

Blood Donation Camp at AF Stn Bhowali

A Blood Donation camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Bhowali with the Blood Transfusion Department of BD Pandey Govt Hospital under the aegis of AFWWA(L) on 03 Nov 12. A total of 20 volunteers comprising service personnel and families donated blood.

Blood donation in progress

World Organ Donation Day at CHAF Bangalore

World organ donation day 2012 was celebrated in the Sushruta Auditorium of Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore on 29 Nov 12. A total of 100 people including transplanted patients, their kidney donors, nursing officers and probationary nursing cadets participated in the event.

Organ donors during ceremony

Breast Cancer Awareness and Bone Mineral Density Camp at AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab

A Breast Cancer Awareness Camp and Bone Mineral Density Camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab under the aegis of AFWWA (L) on 26 Oct 12. The camp was inaugurated by President, AFWWA (L). Dr Bhupinder Kaur Anand, Professor, Career Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow delivered a lecture on breast cancer awareness highlighting the need of self detection of breast cancer among ladies.

President, AFWWA (L) with snaginis and medical team

Best MI Room Award for AF Stn Leh

MI Room , AF Stn Leh has been awarded the 'Best MI Room' trophy of IAF for the year 2012 by President, AFWWA during the Commanders Conference held in October 2012 and also the 'Best MI Room' of WAC for the year 2012 by the AFWWA(R), WAC.

Staff of MI Room

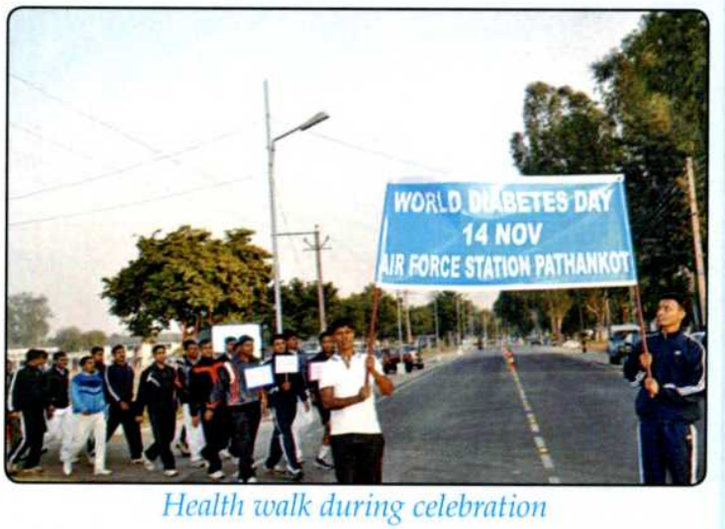
Cancer and Body Fat Analysis Camp at AF Stn Highgrounds

A Cancer and Body Fat Analysis Camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Highgrounds on 09 Oct 12 under the aegis of AFWWA (L) for benefit of sanginis. Dr Savita Gulati, Lady Medical Officer carried out Cancer and Body Fat check up of 78 sanginis. The camp was inaugurated by Mrs Manisha Dargar, President, AFWWA (L).

President, AFWWA (L) inaugurating the camp

World Diabetes Day Celebration at AF Stn Pathankot

To mark the occasion of World Diabetes day, a health walk was conducted at AF Stn Pathankot on 14 Nov 12. Air warriors were addressed by Air Cmde Ashok Shiragannavar, AOC. A lecture on effects and prevention of Diabetes was also delivered by Wg Cdr V Jayaswal, Medical Officer. Health education with use of pamphlets/ posters were also given to create awareness about diabetes.



Health walk during celebration

Indian Red Cross Society Workshop at AF Stn Awantipur

A First-Aid Lecture cum workshop was organised by Indian Red Cross Society at AF Stn Awantipur from 18 - 19 Oct 12. The workshop was for non-medical air warriors and sanginis of this Base. The demonstrations on application of bandages, splint, modified stretcher drill, artificial resuscitation were very educative and drew overwhelming participation.

Medical team during the workshop

Blood Donation Camp at AF Stn Rajokri

A Blood Donation Camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Rajokri on 26 Oct 12 under the aegis of AFWWA (L). The camp was inaugurated by Mrs Jaspreet Gulrajani, President, AFWWA (L). Due to wide publicity through service channel and AFWWA (L), a large number of motivated air warriors and families attended the camp and volunteered for noble cause of blood donation. A total of 61 personnel and families have donated the blood on the occasion. The camp was a huge success.

Stn Cdr with blood donors

Swasth Sangini Camp at AF Stn Pathankot

Swasth Sangini Health check camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Pathankot from 01 - 19 Oct 12 in a phased manner. All routine investigations of blood and urine were carried out and were examined by LMO for general fitness including eyes, ENT and dental examination. During this camp, Swasth Sangini cards were issued for all the sanginis. ECG recording of sanginis above the age of 40 years was also carried out. A total No of 601 sanginis were examined during this health drive. Cases requiring specialist attention were referred to various specialists at 167 MH for opinion and management.

Sanginis during camp

Stress Management Workshop at AF School Pathankot

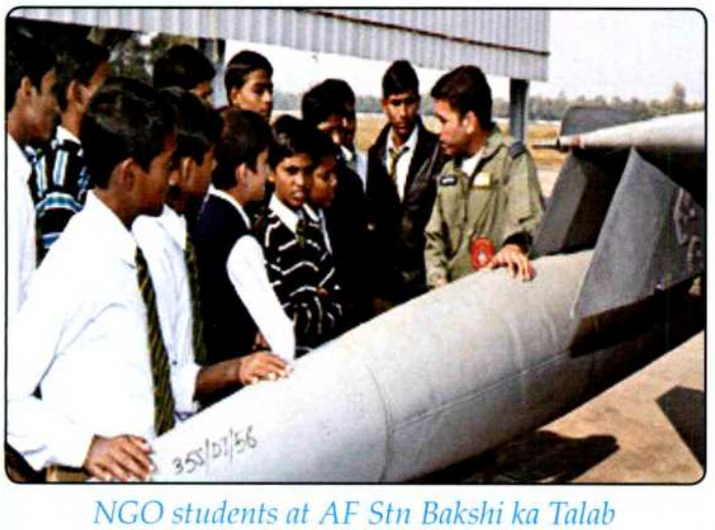
As a part of stress management strategies for school going children, a stress management

workshop was organised at AF School on 06 Oct 12. The workshop was conducted by Gp Capt VR Dubey, SMO and Dr Sushma Gupta Psychological counselor, AFS Pathankot. The children were educated about various stress factors in today's competitive world and were familiarised with various stress coping techniques. The students actively participated in the interactive session.

Children during the lecture

Visit by Students of NGO to AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab

A total of 32 students of various classes from the NGO "Make a Difference" were brought on a visit to AF Stn BKT to acquaint them with IAF. They were shown aircraft in the Tech Flight Hanger, and Air Traffic Control tower. They were given a motivational talk on IAF as a career option.



NGO students at AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab

AFWWA Diwas Celebration at AF Stn Nagpur

AFWWA Diwas was celebrated on 07 Oct & 27 Oct 12 at AF Stn Nagpur. Different activities like Fancy Dress competition, Poster making competition for children, Rangoli competition, Bindi competition for sanginis, Cultural programme for children and sanginis etc were organised during the celebration.

President, AFWWA (L) with children participants

Healthy Baby Show at AF Stn Dalhousie

A Healthy Baby Show was organised at AF Stn Dalhousie for kids under the age group of 0-5 years in coordination with SMC on 06 Nov 12. Tiny tots stole the show and enjoyed their day out. All the babies were presented with gifts.

President, AFWWA (L) with babies

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From the Editor

Dear readers,

This issue covers Air Force Commanders' Conference - October 2012, Indo - Singapore Joint Military Training at AF Stn Kalaikunda, Chief's visit to Myanmar and AFWWA Day Celebration with all other regular features viz., Maintenance, Celebrations, Adventure & Sports, Health etc.

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Jai Hind

Air Force Commanders' Conference : October 2012

The second bi-annual Air Force Commanders' Conference for the year 2012 was held at Air HQ from 16 - 18 Oct 12. The conference was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff and was attended by AOsC-in-C of all AF Commands and PSOs of Air HQ.

CAS addressing the Commanders' Conference

The theme of the conference was **'EW and other Support System'** wherein all relevant issues were discussed in detail. In his opening address, the CAS gave a brief overview of the security enviornment around the country and stressed upon the need to maintain focus on security o our borders and airbases. He also highlighted the importance of 'Security Infrastructure'.

Commanders' Conference in progress

The Commanders discussed ways to enhance efficacy of EW assets and their Op utilisation. The induction of new equipment and technologies and the progress of necessary infrastructure development was also discussed. Issues relatec to Operations, Aerospace Safety, Maintenance Personnel and Administration were also discussec during the conference.

Dr Shashi Tharoor with AF Commanders

Besides presentations by the Commander and PSOs, theme related presentations were given by concerned directorates at Air HQ The Commanders were also addressed by Dr Shashi Tharoor, Justice AK Mathur, Chairman Armed Forces Tribunal and Dr Sanjaya Baru Director, Geo Economics and Strategy on topics o interest.

Air Chief Inaugurates SWAC Commanders' Conference

Annual Commanders' Conference of al AF Units under SWAC was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of Air Staff, on 22 Nov 12 at HQ SWAC

SWAC Commanders' Conference in progress

In his inaugural address, the CAS highlighted the need for operational preparedness with optimal utilisation of resources. He acknowledged the high degree of professionalism and hard work displayed by the air warriors in achieving the goals and targets. He emphasised the need to keep abreast with the latest technologies. He highlighted the exacting demands that the latest technology places while the IAF marches through a transition phase of large scale upgradation of capabilities and infrastructure. He underlined the abiding qualities of discipline and integrity in every air warrior. The annual conference is a forum for the Stn/unit Commanders to exchange views on operations, maintenance and administrative matters requiring deliberation at field level as well as Command HQ level. During the conference, the CAS awarded trophies to various units for their noteworthy performance in different aspects of operations, maintenance and administration. Earlier, on his arrival at Ahmedabad airport, the CAS and Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA were received by Air Mshl AK Gogoi, AOC-in-C, SWAC and Mrs Leena Gogoi, President, AFWWA (R). A Guard of Honour was presented to the CAS on his arrival at HQ SWAC.

Annual Commanders' Conference: TC

The two day annual TC Commanders' Conference was held at HQ TC on 29 & 30 Nov 12.

CAS awarding the trophy

TC Commanders' Conference in progress

Air Mshl Rajinder Singh AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, TC chaired the conference. AOC-in-C gave away trophies to various Stations in different categories.

CAC Aerospace Seminar at AF Stn Agra

An aerospace seminar was organised at AF Stn Agra on "Strategic Dimensions of India's Aerospace Power". The seminar was conducted in three sessions and subsequent to each session, there were fruitful and informative discussions with the audience.

AOC-in-C, CAC with participants of seminar

The topic during first session of the seminar was "The Evolving Strategic Environment". The second session was on "Combat Support Operations" and the third session was on "Building Capabilities and Enhancing Effectiveness".

The valedictory address was given by Air Mshl J Chauhan AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C, CAC and closing remarks by Air Cmde Jasjit Singh AVSM VrC VM (Retd), Director General, Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS). A large number of officers and personnel from all CAC bases attended the seminar.

Indo - Singapore Joint Military Training - 2012

Indo-Singapore Joint Military Training - 2012 was held at AF Stn Kalaikunda from 16 Oct – 30 Nov 12 as per the agreement signed between the governments of the two countries. This was the eighth such exercise between the two Air Forces. IAF SU-30 MKI and MiG-27 participated together with RSAF F-16 D + Fighting Falcons

AOC-in-C, EAC with Chief of Singapore Air Force

during the six weeks long exercise. Besides the air exercises, IAF-RSAF personnel also participated in cultural and sports activities. Major General Ng Chee Meng, PPA, Chief of Air Force, Singapore visited the base on 30 Oct 12. He was received by

Commanders with their families

Air Mshl S Varthaman AVSM VM VSM, AOC-in-C, EAC and Air Cmde R Radhish VM , AOC, AF Stn Kalaikunda on his arrival.

WAC Armament Preparation and Loading Workshop-2012

WAC Armament Preparation and Loading Workshop - 2012 was conducted at AF Stn Halwara from 07 - 09 Nov 12. Air Cmde RGK Kapoor VM, AOC, AF Stn Halwara welcomed the participants and AVM RKS Shera

Demonstration in progress

VSM, SMSO, WAC delivered the key note address. Representatives from Air HQ, WAC and units under WAC participated in the workshop.

A bomb being loaded

The participants were imparted hands-on training on fusing of different versions of 1000 lbs bombs, LGBs, 500 kg bombs, 250 Kg bombs, 100 kg bombs with combinations of tail units and fusing components. Live telecasting of the entire activity was carried out on AF Net on all the three days of the workshop.

No. 7 Joint Air Defence Instructors Course at ADC

No. 7 Joint Air Defence Instructors Course (JADIC) was conducted from 03 Sep - 12 Oct 12 for officers of AD stream of all the three services at Air Defence College. JADIC is a six week duration specialist course designed to impart training on joint operations. An impressive ceremony was held on 12 Oct 12 to mark the culmination of the course. The valedictory function was presided over by Cmde Y Kumawat VSM, President, 33 SSB. Officers received course completion certificates from the Chief Guest. Maj Surendra Singh received Central Air Command trophy for best overall performance.

Chief Guest giving away the trophy

FDR Conference of MI-17 IV Heptrs at AF Stn Jammu

A workshop on Flight Data Transfer Unit and FDR Milking & Analysis software of MI-17 IV helicopter was conducted at AF Stn Jammu on 30 Oct 12 by M/s Merlin Hawk. Representatives

from Air HQ, WAC and all the MI-17 IV operating units participated in the day long workshop. To ensure optimum utilisation of FDR resources all related issues were discussed with the OEM M/s Merlin Hawk.

FDR Conference in progress

MT Workshop & Training Camp at AF Stn New Delhi

A workshop and training camp was organised by M/s Mahindra Motors Ltd. for five days from 07-12 Aug 12 and by M/s Hindustan Motors Ltd. for three days from 25 -27 Sep 12 for free check up of the service vehicles and for the benefit of MTDs and Elect Fit of this Stn. Basic idea of the training was to promote driving skills among the air warriors. An interactive programme was conducted to instill defensive driving habits

MT fleet being checked during the workshop

amongst the MTDs. Trouble shooting session was held with the Electricians. Various technical and mechanical features of the Mahindra Scorpio and Car /Amb vehicles were demonstrated by slide show. The participation certificates were issued to all the participants.

Mi-17 IV Operators' Conference 2012-13 at AF Stn Jammu

A Mi-17 IV Heptr Operators' conference was sucessefully conducted at AF Stn Jammu on 31 Oct 12 for the second consecutive year.

Operators Conference in progress

Air Cmde PE Patange YSM VM, AOC, AF Stn Jammu chaired the conference. Air Cmde PKH Sinha, C Eng O, WAC and other delegates from Air HQ, WAC, 2 TETTRA, 3 BRD and all Mi-17 IV operating units participated in the conference. Various challenges faced during operation and maintenece of the fleet were discussed during the conference tc ensure safe and efficient utilisation of the fleet.

No. 12 Naval Officers' Orientation Course at ADC

Air Defence College imparts training on Air Defence to officers from tri-services. No. 12 Naval Officers' Orientation Course (NOOC-12) was held at ADC from 23 Oct – 03 Nov 12. The course is designed to provide exposure to Naval and Coast Guard officers about air defence operations A total of 27 trainee officers attended the course

Chief Guest giving away the trophy

An impressive ceremony was held at Air Defence College, Memaura to mark the culmination the course. Gp Capt Ajay Singh, Stn Cdr, 505 SU was the chief guest for the valedictory function. The officers received course completion certificates om the Chief Guest.

11 BRD Celebrates Quality Month

To achieve twin objectives of creating awareness and propagating the idea of "quality concern" amongst personnel, quality month was celebrated at 11 BRD from 01 - Oct 12. On this occasion various activities/programmes viz guest lecture on quality awareness, quality essay, post cards, slogans (in Hindi and English), quality circle competitions etc were conducted.

AOC, 11 BRD giving away the certificate

Appraisal Report Workshops by AFRO Team

AFRO conducted command-wise Appraisal Report Workshops at field units and also at AFRO. During the year 2012, eighteen such workshops were conducted. The AR workshops generated a lot of interest amongst the participating Warrant Officers, who also found the workshops to be very informative and useful.

Team AFRO

C Labs Workshop at AF Stn Bareilly

CLabs workshop for officers from units under CAC on leadership and organisational behaviour was conducted from 09 - 12 Oct 12 at AF Stn Bareilly. 50 Officers participated in the workshop.

Workshop participants

Workshop for DSC Personnel and NCs(E) at AF Stn Pathankot

A lecture on importance of mental health was delivered by Gp Capt VR Dubey, SMO and Mrs Sushma Gupta, Psychological Counsellor, AF Stn Pathankot on 24 Nov 12 for all DSC personnel and NCs(E) of this Stn. During the lecture various stress management techniques were discussed.

DSC personnel during lecture

During the interactive session, DSC Jawans actively participated and their doubts / apprehensions were clarified.

J&SSS Passing Out Parade at AF Stn Dalhousie

Stn Cdr handing over the certificate

Jungle & Snow Survival School, lodger unit of AF Stn Dalhousie is a premier training establishment which trains air warriors in survival techniques, escape and evasion in jungle and snow terrain. The duration of training is three weeks. The course No - 135 was held during Oct – Nov 12. There were a total of 19 trainees which included 10 officers (2 foreign officers) and 09 airmen. The course was successfully completed and POP was conducted on 09 Nov 12.

Passing Out Parade at 1 Tettra School

Passing out Parade for F (P) UPG-148 Course on MiG-27 aircraft was carried out at 1 TETTRA School on 09 Nov 12. A total of seven officers completed the course which started on 01 Oct 12. Gp Capt S Dargar, Stn Cdr, 1 TETTRA School was the chief guest on the occasion and presented the certificates and trophies to officers.

Chief Guest with prize winner

Motivational Lecture at IP Engineering College Ghaziabad

A motivational lecture on 'Various Career Opportunities Available in IAF' was conducted at IP Engineering College, Ghaziabad on 30 Nov 12. Fg Offr Pallavi Mahapatra delivered the lecture to the young minds about various career opportunities available for both men and women in different

branches of IAF. The IAF publicity materials were also distributed among the students

Lecture in progress at IP Engineering College

Guest Lecture on Art of Relationship Management at 1 Tettra School

A guest lecture on Art of Relationship Management through Human Engineering was organised on 23 Oct 12 at 1 Tettra School. The lecture was given by Dr NK Sahani, Corporate

Lecture in progress

Motivator, Head of Department, Management, Panjab University. All officers of 1 TETTRA School attended the lecture.

Road Safety Campaign by AF School Sirsa

To sensitise children on Road Safety issues various activities like drama, recitation and lectures were conducted in AF School, Sirsa. In this campaign, children were sensitised about road safety through the help of demonstration, lecture and slogan. They were explained about the traffic rules. Children took part enthusiastically and overwhelming response was observed during the campaign.

Demonstration of road signs

MNS Raising Day Celebrated at 11 AFH

MNS raising day was celebrated on 01 Oct 12 at 11 AFH. Nightingle oath was taken by all the Nursing officers to provide optimum care with concern for patient safety.

Nightangle oath

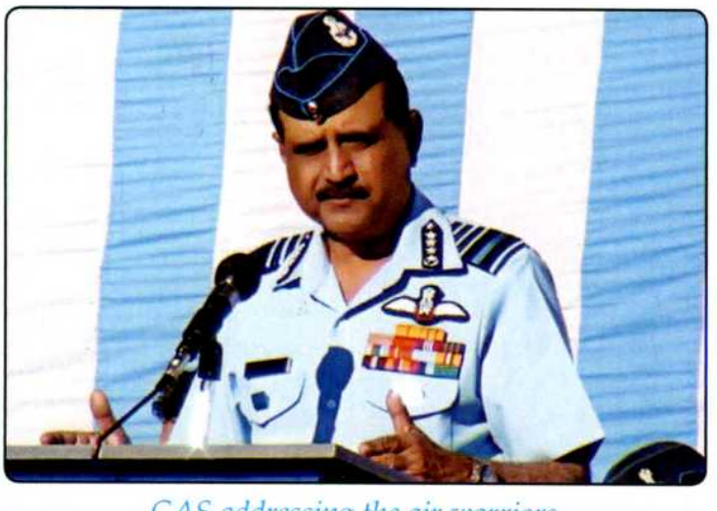
Guard of Honour to the Hon'ble President at Mumbai

Guard of Honour was presented to Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee on 04 Oct 12 during his visit to Mumbai area. The three wings of Indian Armed Forces participated in the guard of honour. Air warriors from AF Stn Mumbai and its lodger units represented the AF in the guard of honour.

Hon'ble President reviewing the Guard of Honour

CAS Visits AF Stn Dalhousie

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne, PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chief of the Air Staff visited AF Stn Dalhousie from 12 – 14 Oct 12. During the course of visit, the CAS was briefed about the various activities undertaken at the Stn by Gp Capt A Debnath, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Dalhousie. The CAS then interacted with all Stn personnel and wished them all success in future endeavours.



CAS addressing the air warriors

CAS interacting with air warriors

CAS Visits Myanmar

The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) and Chairman Chief of Staff Committee (COSC) was on a four day Defence Cooperation visit to the Union of Myanmar from 26 - 29 Nov 12. The CAS led a five member composite Defence delegation comprising senior officers of the three services.

India - Myanmar share a common

CAS in discussion with C-in-C, Myanmar Air Force

CAS with dignitaries of Myanmar

boundary spanning 1850 Kms where relations are multi-faceted and founded on historic linkages. The Indian Prime Minister's historic visit to Myanmar after 25 years in May last year, Madam Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's recent visit and Raksha Mantri's proposed visit early this year testify the enhanced bilateral cooperation between the two neighbours.

CAS at Mingaladon Air Base

The Air Chief called on President U Thien Sein, Vice Senior Gen Min Aung Hlang (C-in-C Defence Services) and Gen Myat Hein (C-in-C air) during his visit towards reinforcing defence ties. He discussed a wide range of bilateral issues on the ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries and further outlined the areas of mutual interest as part of a broader military engagement. The delegation also visited the National Defence College, a flying training base, aircraft Production and assembly Plant at Shante and the Command and General Staff College (CGSC) at Kalaw.

AOC-in-C, WAC Visits AF Stn Basant Nagar

Air Mshl Arup Raha AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, WAC visited MCC, AF Stn Basant Nagar on 27 Nov 12. The Air Marshl reviewed a Guard of Honour presented by air warriors of the Stn. All operational, maintenance and administrative aspects of the Stn were briefed to AOC-in-C by AOC, AF Stn Basant Nagar. The AOC-in-C addressed air warriors, officers, DSC personnel and civilian staff of the Stn, and urged all air warriors to enhance their professional capabilities to keep pace with the latest technology being inducted in the IAF.

AOC-in-C, WAC reviewing the Guard of Honour

AOC-in-C TC Visits SDI

Air Mshl Rajinder Singh AVSM VM, AOC-in-C, TC visited SDI on 06 Nov 12. He was accompanied by Mrs Jyoti Singh, President, AFWWA (R). On arrival, they were received by AVM BK Sood VSM, Comdt, SDI and Mrs Preetika Sood, President, AFWWA (L).

Air Marshal inspected the Guard of Honour presented by the air warriors. He also inaugurated the new Motivation Hall during the visit. He visited various labs and reviewed the avionics and simulations projects undertaken by SDI. The AOC-in-C later addressed the air warriors of the institute and interacted with them.

AOC-in-C, TC inaugurating the Motivational Hall

AOP Visits AFA

Air Mshl Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, AOP & first Commodore Comdt of AFA visited this premier institute on 08 Nov 12. During this visit he interacted with the air warriors of AFA and conveyed his felicitation on seeing AFA as one of the best training establishments of IAF for training the future officers of IAF in a befitting manner.

AOP interacting with air warriors

C-in-C, ANC Visits AF Stn Car Nicobar

Air Mshl PK Roy AVSM VM VSM, C-in-C, ANC arrived at AF Stn Car Nicobar on his maiden two days visit on 15 Nov 12. He was accompanied by Mrs Ranjana Roy, President, Defence Wives

C-in-C, ANC with Stn Cdr, AF Stn Carnic

Welfare Association (DWWA), ANC. The Air Marshal visited all units and sections of the Stn. He inaugurated a new telephone exchange for the Stn. Air Marshal paid homage to the Air Force personnel and their families who lost their lives during Tsunami on 26 Dec 04, at Air Force Tsunami Memorial.

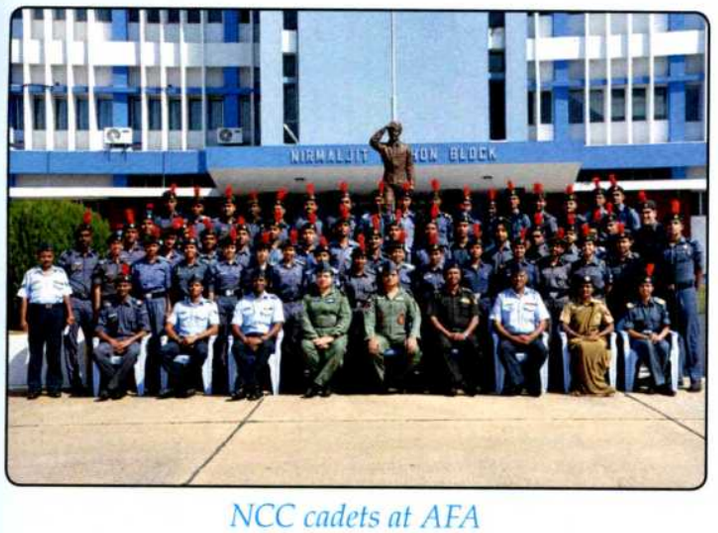
Visit by NCC Cadets of IIT Khargapur to AF Stn Kalaikunda

NCC cadets at AF Stn Kalaikunda

As a part of educational tour, 126 NCC cadets of IIT Khargapur visited AF Stn Kalaikunda on 30 Nov 12. They visited ATC & MiG 27 Sqn, Tech Flt and interacted with pilots and technicians. A motivational movie on IAF was screened on the day as a part of visit.

NCC Cadets Visits AFA

NCC cadets visited AFA as part of their familiarisation visit to this premier institute. They were exposed to various activities during their one week stay. Lectures were organised to motivate cadets to join IAF as commissioned officers. The cadets come from all corners of the country to see the pre-commissioning training imparted to Flt Cadets at AFA. The cadets during the interaction revealed that such visits to defence installations gave them opportunities to see the professionalism displayed by defence personnel.



NCC cadets at AFA

Visit of RAF AAR Aircrew to AF Stn Hindan

As a part of the ongoing Indo-UK Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting, a Royal Air Force (RAF) AAR Aircrew delegation comprising Wg Cdr Peter Robert Morgan, Sqn Ldr Philip Stephen McConnell and Flt Lt Philip Walton visited AF Stn Hindan on 22 Nov 12. The delegation called on Air Cmde SR Singh VM VSM, AOC, AF Stn Hindan and visited 77 Sqn and interacted with the aircrew. On this occasion, mementoes were also exchanged.

RAF delegate with CO, 77 Sqn

Visit by Director Group Station DSC, HQ Bengal Area to 5 WG AF

Col VC Joshi, Director, Group Station DSC, HQ Bengal Area carried out annual adm inspection of DSC Platoon attached to 5 Wg from 07 - 08 Nov 12. He inspected DSC line, offices and guard posts during his visit. The DSC Platoon was awarded first position in HQ Bengal area.

Director Group Station DSC at 5 Wg AF

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting was held on 16 Oct 12 at Akash Officers' Mess, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA. All the Presidents

President, AFWWA with Board members

AFWWA (Regional) and Board Members attended the meeting. Various points related to the cause of AFWWA were discussed during the meeting

Meeting in progress

Annual General Body Meeting and AFWWA Day Celebration 2012

AFWWA celebrated its 42nd anniversary along with its Annual General Body meeting on 18 Oct 12 at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto

President, AFWWA with participants

Park, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA. Sanginis from different units in Delhi area joined the celebrations with great zeal and enthusiasm. The eighteenth edition of AFWWA magazine 'Sangini' was also released during the occasion.

President, AFWWA addressing the sanginis

Cultural programme by sanginis

President, AFWWA (R), TC Visits SDI

Mrs Jyoti Singh, President, AFWWA (R), TC visited AFWWA (L) at SDI on 06 Nov 12. During the visit, she inaugurated the new 'AFWWA Parisar'. She also witnessed the cultural programme presented by the sanginis and had a fruitful interaction with them.

President, AFWWA (R), TC with sanginis

AFWWA Day Celebration at AF Stn Rajasansi

AFWWA week was celebrated at AF Stn Rajasansi with great zeal and enthusiasm. In order to make this event memorable and successful, various fun filled and informative activities were planned by AFWWA (L). Classes on papad, pickle, candle making and fabric painting for sanginis were conducted on 25 Oct 12. Educative lectures by SMC staff and psychologist for sanginis were conducted on 26 Oct 12. AFWWA Picnic and meeting was held at Fun City, Amritsar for sanginis on 28 Oct 12. The meeting was presided over by Mrs Sarita Bhate, President, AFWWA (L).

Motivational lecture for sanginis

AFWWA Day Celebration at AF Stn Awantipur

AFWWA Day was celebrated at AF Stn Awantipur from 15 - 17 Oct 12. Various events like Cookery, Mehandi, Declamation, Painting, Rangoli Competition were held. The sanginis wholeheartedly participated in the 'Marathon Race' conducted for them. Prizes were distributed to all the winners by President AFWWA(L).

President, AFWWA(L) reviewing the entries

AFWWA Day Celebration at AF Stn Jammu

To commemorate the AFWWA day (28 Oct 12), Mrs Mamta Patange, President, AFWWA(L) Jammu inaugurated the week long programme on 19 Oct 12. The celebrations began with a 'Healthy Snacks Competition' on 19 Oct 12. A sports meet was also organised on 25 Oct 12 which included sprint events apart from the other races. A Diya

and Mehendi competition was also organised on the same day. A cultural event with a variety entertainment programme was presented by all sanginis. The celebrations included programmes of entertainment as well as of educational value. A lecture on 'Joint Pain amongst Ladies' was delivered by the SMO. The ten day long celebrations ended with a lunch organised for all the sanginis on 28 Oct 12.

President, AFWWA(L) inaugurating the celebration

AFWWA Week Celebration at AF Stn Halwara

AFWWA week was celebrated with characteristic enthusiasm in which various activities were organised at AF Stn Halwara. The celebrations were spread over a week to ensure complete involvement of the sanginis. The AFWWA week celebration commenced on 14 Oct 12 with drawing and painting competition for the wards of the AF Personnel. More than 250 children of various age groups participated in the competition. This was followed by Mehndi, sweet making, jewelry making and Rangoli making competitions for the sanginis on 20 Oct 12. Lecture on fire hazards of LPG and safety precautions was organised with the help of IOC on 25 Oct 12. The same day a lecture on day to day stress and role of yoga was also conducted. The station legal officer addressed the issues of socio-economic scenario and importance of legal awareness amongst sanginis. The culmination of AFWWA week was on 03 Nov 12.

Sanginis with President, AFWWA(L)

AFWWA Week Celebration at AF Stn Kalaikunda

AFWWA week 2012 was celebrated at AF Stn Kalaikunda from 10 - 15 Oct 12. All sanginis of the Stn took part in various events during the celebration. The celebration concluded with various competitions like poetry, quiz, dance etc. Many hidden talents were discovered during the competitions. On the concluding day, an AFWWA meeting was organised in which Mrs Hyacinth May Radhish, President, AFWWA (L) brought out the significance of AFWWA in today's world. She gave away prizes to the winners and participants.

Competition in progress

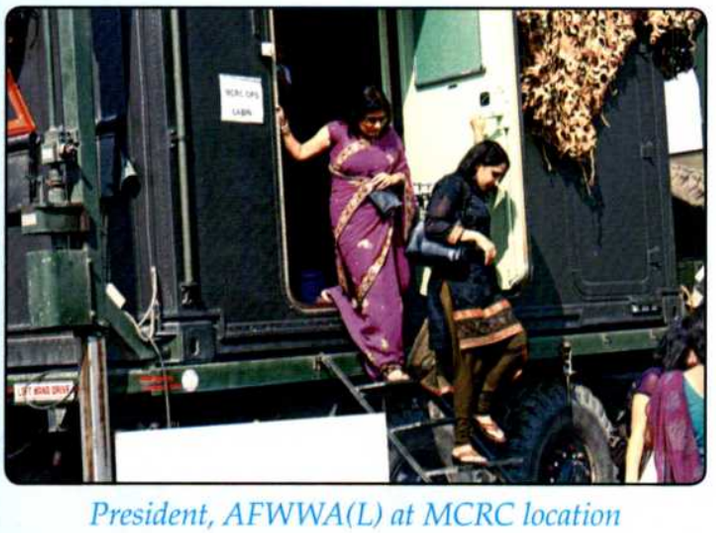
AFWWA (L) Picnic at 740 SU AF

A picnic for sanginis of the Stn and its lodger units was organised by AFWWA (L) on 10 Nov 12 at Dainkund which is a famous picnic spot located at a distance of 16 kms from the Stn. During the picnic various fun-filled games were organised. Sanginis cherished each and every moment of the picnic and made it an event to remember.

Sanginis participating in games during the picnic

Visit by Sanginis at MCRC Location and OPS Room at 263 SU

Sanginis of AFWWA (L) visited the MCRC location and Ops room of 263 SU on 31 Oct 12 and were briefed about the way operations are conducted at these set ups, their importance and significance for the IAF.



President, AFWWA(L) at MCRC location

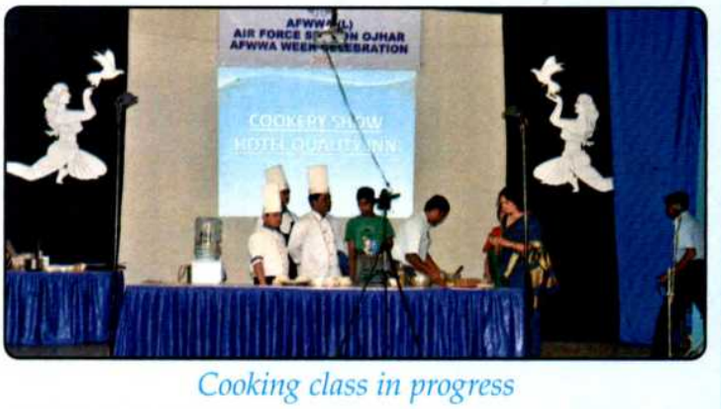
Driving Training Camp for Sanginis at AF Stn Suryalanka

Qualified and experienced IAF instructors conducted two 'Driving Training Camps' exclusively for sanginis at AF Stn Suryalanka. The four week camp had a tough 15 hour training schedule. The syllabus consisted of theory classes covering traffic signs and relevant rules, and guidelines on vehicle maintenance, safety tips, tyre change etc. Ten hours of driving classes were also conducted. After the written and driving test, a delighted lot of twenty three trained lady drivers were armed with their Learner's Licenses.

Sanginis at training camp

AFWWA Week Celebration at Ojhar

AFWWA (L) Ojhar celebrated its AFWWA week from 08 - 13 Oct 12. A series of activities/ competitions were conducted throughout the week viz cooking class, painting competition, Mehandi competition, Rangoli decoration etc. The AFWWA week celebrations came to an end with a Food carnival. It was appreciated and enjoyed by everyone



Cooking class in progress

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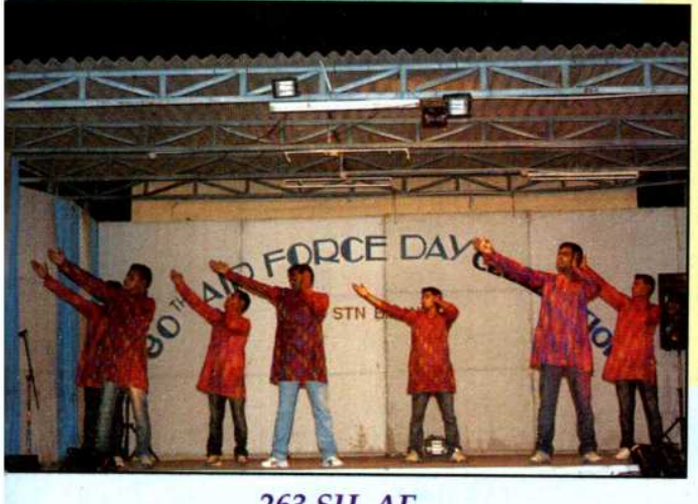

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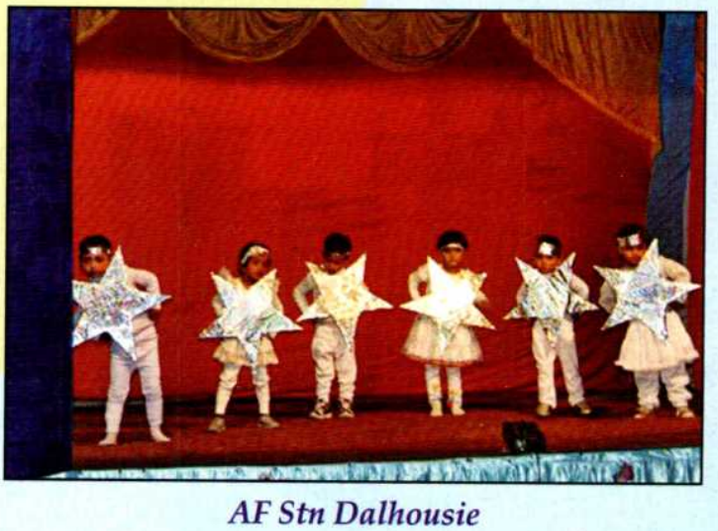


AF Stn Dalhousie

Children's Day Celebration at AF Stn Srinagar

Towards Children's Day Celebrations, a fancy dress competition and a drawing competition was organised by AFWWA (L), Srinagar. Children of various age groups participated with great enthusiasm in the competitions which were attended by the proud parents and families of the Stn. Attractive prizes were distributed to the winners and the participants by Mrs Vyjayanthi Choudhury, President, AFWWA (L).

Participants of various competitions

Cohesion Day Celebration at AF Stn New Delhi

Cohesion Day was observed at AF Stn New Delhi on 24 Aug and 28 Sep 12. A programme was organised involving sports and games as well as personal and professional interactions amongst air warriors. Overall, the Cohesion Day programme has generated significant enthusiasm and zeal amongst air warriors. All personnel have immensely valued the experience and sought more such interactions. The topics such as road safety, cyber security, discipline and safe custody of AFICs were covered during the interaction. A plan has been drawn up for organising such events on a monthly basis.

Basketball match during cohesion day

Musical Night at AF Stn Dalhousie

As part of Diwali Celebrations, an engrossing Musical Night and Jam Session were organised at the Stn on 11 Nov 12 for all personnel and their family members. Besides music and dance, various events like Balloon & Lemon on spoon race for children, Musical Chair for sanginis and Fun questions for the audience were conducted. Meritorious students of the Stn who excelled in studies and topped their respective classes were given gifts by Mrs Shilpa Debnath, President, AFWWA(L), AF Stn Dalhousie. Gifts were also given to the winners of various events. The informal gathering and wholesome participation by each and everyone made the event a memorable one.

Performance during musical night

Inter Unit Civilian Cultural Programme at AF Stn Barrackpore

Participants from all AF Stns of EAC gathered for a Command Civilian Cultural programme which was organised at AF Stn Barrackpore on 02 Nov 12 . The event was organised by the civilian employees of this Stn. A total of 75 civilian staff including family members participated in the colourful event. The function culminated with the closing address by Gp Capt AR Shendye VM, Stn Cdr and presentation of gifts to all the participants by President AFWWA(L).

Cultural event in progress

Annual Day Celebration at AF School Halwara

The annual day function of AF School Halwara was held on 07 Nov 12. Air Cmde RGK Kapoor VM, AOC and Chairman SMC was the chief guest. The theme of the function was 'Around The World'. There was an overwhleming participation by the students as they staged a scintillating performance by giving the audience glimpses of dances and cultural activities across the globe. Dr (Mrs) Suneeta Kapoor, President, AFWWA (L) gave away academic and co-curricular activity related prizes. The function concluded with a special song

Cultural programme in progress

by teachers and students both, urging all present at the function to 'Heal the World'.

AF School Jammu Celeberates Annual Sports Day

AF School Jammu celebrated Annual Sports Day on 09 Nov 12. Athletics and other track and field competitions were held in the presence of the parents, air warriors, other guests and dignitaries. Students of all classes enthusiastically participated in the sports meet. On this occasion, a colorful cultural progamme was also put up by the students of AF School. Minister for Medical Education, Youth Services and Sports,

Chief Guest being received at the Annual Sports Day

Sqn Ldr (Retd) RS Chib, was the Chief Guest. Air Cmde PE Patange YSM VM, AOC received the Chief Guest. The Minister appreciated holding such a morale boosting programme and elaborated the significance of sports in life. The chief guest also presented trophies and certificates to the winners.

Chabua's Got Talent

To mark the 80th Anniversary of IAF, a talent hunt was oragnised at AF Stn Chabua on 17 Oct 12 by AFWWA(L). The talent hunt drew huge crowds and served as a platform for all the personnel and families of AF Stn Chabua to showcase their talent. A total of 80 candidates were auditioned for the event which included children, ladies and air warriors. The participants showcased their talents in singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, skit, mime, mimicry and performances on patriotism, culture and heritage and Air Force history. The event was conducted in three rounds i.e. preliminary round, semifinals and finals to shortlist the winners. The winners in each category were awarded by President AFWWA(L).

Performances in progress

Book Exhibition at AF Stn Nal

A book exhibition by Navneet Publication was organised under the aegis of AFWWA (L) at AF Stn Nal. Large number of school going children and families visited the book fair. The exhibition was aimed at spreading awareness among the children and families and to inculcate reading habits and improving scholastic standards amongst ladies and children.

Book exhibition

Station Mela at AF Stn Basant Nagar

AF Stn Basant Nagar organised the Station Mela on 04 Nov 12 at Basant Vatika, New Pinto Park. Various activities such as quiz competition for ladies, tambola and sports activities for children, free horse riding for children were the major attractions. A cultural programme was also organised for showcasing the individual talent of air warriors and their families.

Children participating in games

Conduct of Diwali Mela at AF Stn Srinagar

On eve of Diwali, a Station Mela was organised on 11 Nov 12. All the units/sections including AFWWA (L) participated by setting up stalls of a wide variety of games, fast food, beverages, crackers and utensils. This Mela has become an annual feature that provides a platform for social gathering to increase the interaction amongst all personnel of the Stn in hard field area.

Prize winners

Adult Literacy Classes at AF Stn Nal

Adult literacy classes were organised at AF Stn Nal in order to make the families of air warriors, NCs (E), civilians and DSC personnel aware of the latest educational trends. The classes were conducted under the aegis of AFWWA (L). The programme was attended by a large number of ladies.

Class in action

Diwali Mela at AF Stn Thane

A grand diwali mela was organised by Sanginis of AF Stn Thane. A numbers of stalls of cosmetic items, food items, art & crafts, book stall, game stall etc were set up by the sanginis themselves . On the occasion drama, dance & painting competitions were organised for the children of the sangainis. Air warriors, alongwith their children enjoyed the festivities.

Drawing competition in progress

Pension Adalat and Ex-servicemen Mela at Port Blair

Event in progress

With a view to enhance the awareness and satisfaction level related to pension and welfare among the Ex-Servicemen of the Islands, a Pension Adalat & Ex-Servicemen Mela was conducted on 25 Nov 12 at AF Stn Port Blair. All together 43 Ex-Servicemen attended the Mela. Air Cmde TK Sinha, CSO(Ops), HQ ANC was the Chief Guest.

Publicity Stall by IAF in Army Mela at Nowshera

A Publicity Stall of IAF was put up by AF Stn Jammu at the the Army Mela organised by the Army on 19 & 20 Sep 12 at Nowshera. The stall was oriented towards creating awareness among the visiting public about career opportunities in IAF. The main attraction of the stall was the rolling presentation run throughout the period of the mela on various opportunities available in the IAF as well as other visuals on Air Force related materials. The opportunities available in the IAF were also highlighted through various display boards and posters. Pamphlets, calendars, stickers, posters, pens, diaries etc. were also distributed to the visitors of the stall and their queries answered regarding the career opportunities in IAF.

GOC-in-C, Northern Command at AF stall

Aerospace Safety Awareness Mela at Village Aitiana by AF Stn Halwara

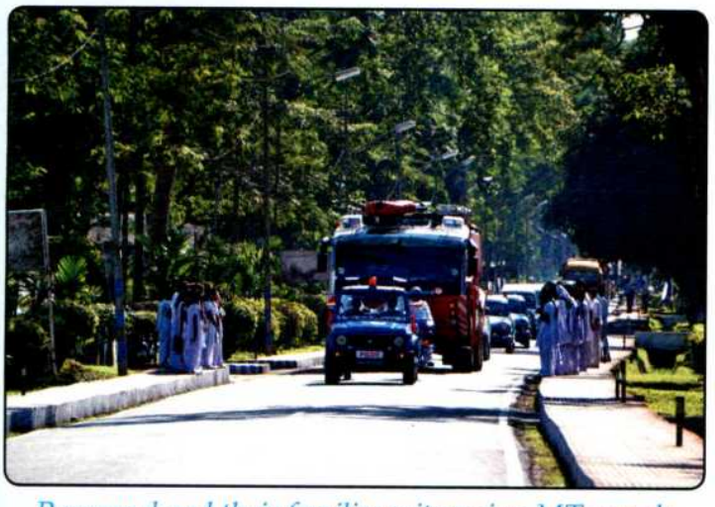
Aerospace safety mela and free medical check-up camp was organised by AF Stn, Halwara at village Aitiana, Ludhiana to create aerospace safety awareness among the villagers residing around Halwara airfield. Aerospace safety, security and publicity stalls were put up and were manned by well versed officers and airmen to generate awareness amongst villagers. Drawing competitions for all school going children were also organised to enhance personal hygiene and sanitation, and to motivate them to keep their surroundings clean. Publicity material like aerospace safety posters, stickers, pamphlets, note pads and calendars were distributed to all visitors. Movies based on IAF and aerospace safety were screened for the aspiring youth and adults to enhance their awareness towards IAF as a career option as well as to promote aerospace safety.

Villagers during the mela

Road Safety Week at AF Stn Chabua

A road safety and awareness week was organised from 15 - 17 Oct 12 at AF Stn Chabua. The safety week included guest lectures on importance of defensive driving by representatives of Traffic Police, Dibrugarh and 100% document check of private vehicles of the station personnel by Air Force Police. A free check-up of two wheelers and four wheelers was also conducted during

the course of safety week. In addition, a painting competition was organised for the school children on the theme 'Road Safety'. On the last day, MT parade was organised and pamphlets were distributed for awareness on road safety amongst all the personnel, families and children of AF Stn Chabua.



Personnel and their families witnessing MT parade

Children's Rally on 'Save Environment' at AF Stn Nal

A rally on 'Save Environment' was organised by AFWWA (L) for the children of KV No -03 for spreading awareness amongst the local population of Nal Village as well as AF Stn Nal. All children of the AF Stn participated in the programme and made it a successful event.

Children during the rally

Tree Plantation Drive by IAF at Delhi

As a part of 80th Anniversary of IAF, the air warriors of AF Stn New Delhi joined hands in the aforestation programme for restoration of Sanjay Van, a heritage forest which is an extension of oldest Aravali mountains on 23 Oct 12.

Tree plantation drive

The aim of the event was to restore the degraded ridge forest, conserve and reinforce Aravali trees and provide people of Delhi an urban forest in the heart of the city. The team has undertaken multifaceted tasks like protecting endangered flora, planting of medicinal plants that flourished in Delhi ridge forest in the past.

Health and Flight Safety Awareness Camp at Navodaya Vidyalaya Srinagar

As a part of the Station Outreach programme meant to project the soft image of the IAF

AF team at Navodaya Vidyalaya

amongst the people of J&K, a health camp was organised for medical checkup of all the students of Navodaya Vidyalaya, Srinagar on 06 Nov 12. The students were made aware about various diseases and precautions to be taken to avoid the diseases. Flight safety related topics were also introduced to spread flight safety awareness amongst the students of the school.

AOC-in-C, SWAC inaugurates New SNCO's Mess at AF Stn Mumbai

The new SNCO's Mess at AF Stn Mumbai was inaugurated by Air Mshl AK Gogoi PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C, SWAC on 11 Oct 12 at Santa Cruz, Mumbai. Gp Capt S Srivastava, Stn Cdr received AOC-in-C. The new mess is a six storeyed building equipped with all facilities. This will go a long way in solving the problem of accommodation shortage of living-in SNCOs and air warriors coming on TD or attachment to Mumbai area.

AOC-in-C, SWAC inaugurating the SNCOs' Mess

Inauguration of New Shopping Complex at AF Stn Srinagar

A new double storey shopping complex named 'Mall One' was inaugurated on 11 Nov 12 by Mrs Vyjayanthi Choudhury, President AFWWA (L). The new complex consists of various shops

President, AFWWA(L) inaugurating the shopping complex

like restaurants, bakery, electronics, general stores, tours & travels shop, etc. The shopping complex provides all facilities under one roof and will go a long way in improving the quality of life for all personnel and their families at AF Stn, Srinagar.

Air and Static Display at AF Stn Nagpur

As part of celebration of 80th anniversary of the IAF, an Air & Static display was organised by HQ MC at AF Stn Nagpur on 25 Nov 12. The Air display consisted of fly past by AVRO & 3 x SU-30 aircraft and remote controlled aerobatics by aero models. The other displays included an impressive performance by Air Warrior Drill Team (AWDT), sky diving by the Akash Ganga team

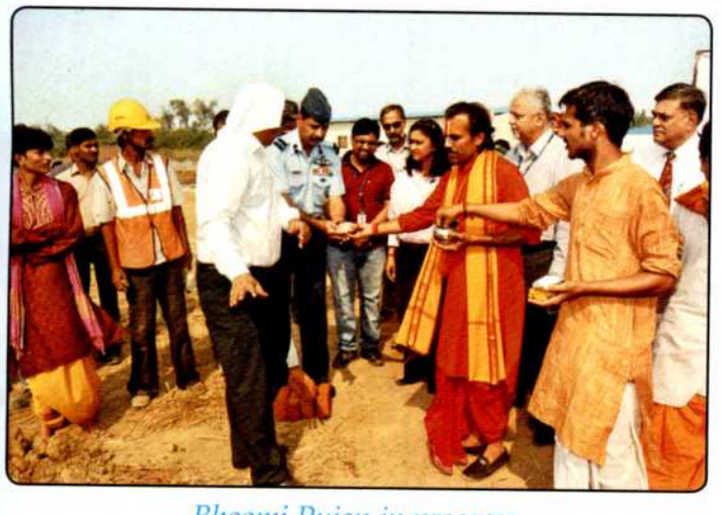
Static display at AF Stn Nagpur

and presentation of martial tunes by the Air Force Band. The static display included AN-32, AVRO, ALH and Mi-17 aircraft.

Air Marshal Jagdish Chandra AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C, MC, the chief guest, accompanied by Mrs Sharmila Chandra, President, AFWWA (R) was received by Air Cmde SW Gosewade VM, AOC and Mrs Neeta Gosewade, President, AFWWA (L). The display was attended by school children, invited guests, NCC cadets, members of media, IAF personnel and their families. The show was also witnessed by a large number of civilian population and evoked great interest and enthusiasm.

'Bhoomi Poojan' for C-17 Globemaster Project at AF Stn Hindan

Towards inducting C-17 Globemaster-III at AF Stn Hindan, the 'Bhoomi Poojan' for setting



Bhoomi Pujan in progress

up of various infrastructure for housing the latest inventory was held on 19 Oct 12. Reps from Larsen and Toubro and Boeing attended the function.

Visit of 52 NDC Course Batch Officers to 11 BRD

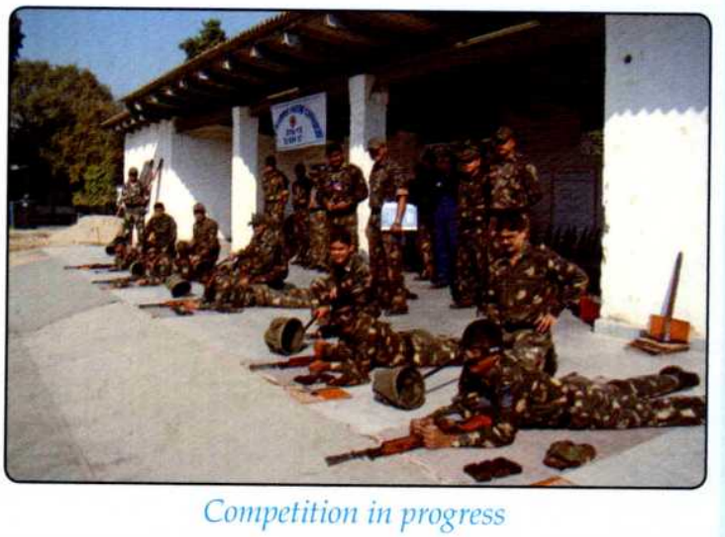
52 NDC course batch officers visited 11 BRD on 25 Oct 12. They were received by Air Cmde Kuldeep Sharma VSM, AOC, 11 BRD. The team was given detailed presentation on role and functioning

NDC course officers at 11 BRD

of 11 BRD and thereafter they were taken to various hangars of the Depot to get first hand experience of production and repair activities performed at this Depot.

Inter-Wing Shooting Competition at AFRO

The Inter-Wing Shooting Competition for personnel of AFRO was organised as a part of Annual Sports Events – 2012. The participation of individuals in the competition was overwhelming. The winners were appreciated and awarded medals for their performance by AOC, AFRO. The event was able to attract youngsters and provided individuals a platform to improve their shooting skills.



Competition in progress

5TH INTER COMMAND AF SCHOOL SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

5th Inter Command AF Schools Sports Championship 2012 was held at AF Stn Jalahalli from 05 - 09 Nov 12 in five disciplines viz Cricket, Football and Basketball for boys and Badminton and Table Tennis for both boys and girls. Inter

AOC-in-C, TC with winner team

command AF Schools Sports Championship is annually held to instill and encourage healthy competition among children and also to provide a platform for showcasing talented and potential sportsman in our schools. All the Commands of IAF except SAC participated in these games.

Basket Ball match in progress

Based on the overall points scored by different command teams, the Air HQ team was declared the overall champion for the third time. TC Team was declared Runners Up.

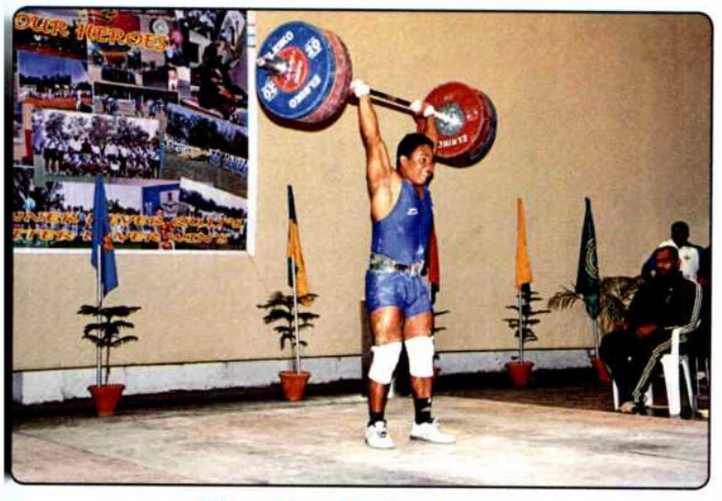
AIR FORCE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP AT AF STN HINDAN

The Air Force Golf Championship was held at AF Stn Hindan from 06 - 10 Nov 12. Eight teams (Seven Command Teams and one Air HQ team) participated in the competition. WAC won the overall championship trophy. NC(E) JR Bharadwaj of MC won the individual championship.

Inauguration ceremony

AIR FORCE WEIGHT LIFTING CHAMPIONSHIP 2012-13

Air Force Weight Lifting championship 2012-13 was held at 3 BRD from 09 - 12 Oct 12. A total of eight teams of various Commands and Air HQ participated in the championship. Weight lifters of international and national repute participated in the championship in different weight categories. CAC lifted the winners trophy by logging 144 points. EAC was declared runners up with 137 points. The best lifter award went to KL Meitei of CAC. Air Cmde Suresh Singh VSM, AOC, 3 BRD felicitated the winners with prizes.



Championship in progress

Air Force Hockey Championship 2012-13

Air Force Hockey Championship 2012-13 was held at 3 BRD Hockey Astro Turf from 15 - 21 Oct 12. Maj Gen SC Godara SM, Comdt, Army Station Chandi Mandir was the Chief guest at the opening ceremony. A total of eight teams participated in the championship. The matches were played on league cum knock out basis. The teams participated in two pools in which MC, SWAC, CAC and SAC were in pool 'A' and Air HQ, TC, WAC and EAC were in pool 'B'. MC emerged as the winner of the Championship while TC secured the runners -up position.

Training Command team

Cross Country Run at 47 SU AF

As part of 80th AF Day Celebrations, a mini cross-country run was organised by 47 SU on 29 Sep 12 for all air warriors and families of the Stn. Different distances upto 11 kms were run by the participants as per age group and gender. Cash prizes, Caps & medals were awarded to winners, runner up and 2nd runner up in various categories. Later, a community breakfast was organised followed by a visit to IACCS Ops Room for all the participants.

Cross country run in progress

Cricket Match at Budgam District

Chief Guest with winner team

A goodwill T-20 cricket match was played between Budgam- Team XI and team of AF Stn, Srinagar on 09 Oct 12 and 10 Nov 12 as part of 80th AF Day Celebration. The goodwill matches were played as an initiative aimed at fostering goodwill, harmony and interaction with the local residents. The match was organised by the Stn and played at Budgam Cricket ground. Sqn Ldr (Retd) RS Chib, Sports Minister, J&K was the Chief Guest for the occasion. DC Budgam and other senior officials of the state administration were also present. Air Cmde D Choudhury VM VSM, AOC, AF Stn Srinagar gave away the cash prize to the winning team and to the man of the match.

Inter Unit Sports Meet at AF Stn Hindan

In order to instill the feeling of sportsmanship and towards identifying individual talent in the field of sports, the 'Inter Unit Sports Meet' was organised at AF Stn Hindan on 06 Nov 12. Various games viz Cricket, Football, Hockey, Volleyball and Athletics formed the part of the meet.

AOC interacting with players

River Rafting Expedition by AFRO

A river rafting expedition was organised by AFRO under the aegis of Dte of Adv, Air HQ in the month of October12. The team comprised 26 participants i.e. 02 officers, 17 airmen and 05 civilians and 02 ladies who volunteered for

Team at Alaknanda river

the expedition. The team assembled at Alaknanda River Adventure Camp on 26 Oct 12 at around 0500h. On the first day, the team covered a distance of 11 Kms up to Shivpuri with 03 rapids. After the event on first day, the team returned to the camp highly motivated. In the evening, the team also participated in the rock climbing event (rappelling) organised at the camp. The next day, the team successfully rafted over distance of 16 Kms from Shivpuri to Rishikesh crossing three large rapids. On successful conclusion of the event, the team returned to Delhi on the same evening.

Sports Closing Ceremony at AF Stn Srinagar

To inculcate team spirit and comradeship amongst the air warriors, the Annual Inter

AOC handing over the trophy

Unit Sports Championship was conducted at AF Stn Srinagar. During this championship, which was conducted over three months, outdoor and indoor games, athletics, range firing competition and inter unit drill competitions were conducted. The Championship culminated with finals of athletic events and a prize distribution ceremony by AOC on 05 Nov 12.

Trekking Expedition at 15 FBSU AF

Air Force Contingent comprising of 03 officers & 08 airmen, led by Gp Capt S Sadashivpeth, Stn Cdr, 15 FBSU proceeded for 04 days trekking expedition to Saddle Peak, the highest point in A&N group of Islands. The expedition was flagged off by Air Cmde TK Sinha, CSO (Ops), HQ ANC on 19 Nov 12. The expedition was undertaken with the aim to provide exposure to air warriors on basic mountaineering, jungle survival skills and interacting with the local populace. The participants studied the flora and fauna of the area and also undertook route cleaning while on their way to Saddle Peak. They interacted with the locals and exchanged pleasantries creating a feeling of bonhomie and belongingness. They came back on 22 Nov 12 with a message of protecting the ecosystem at all costs and respecting the local culture/values and scale higher peaks in future.

Trekking expedition in action

Bicycle Expedition by AF Stn Kanheri Hills

A Bicycle Expedition was conducted as a part of adventure activities 2012 of the Stn. A team of 12 air warriors of the Stn were selected to be a part of the expedition from AF Stn Kanheri Hills to AF Stn Lonavala and back. The expedition was flagged off by Gp Capt Devendra Shrivastava, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Kanheri Hills on 01 Nov 12. The team covered a total of 250 Kms over a span of five days.

Expedition team with Stn Cdr

Annual Sports Day at AF School Awantipur

Annual Sports Day was celebrated at AF School Awantipur from 15 - 17 Oct 12. Just before the onset of the winter months the children had a 'field day' under the sun at their school. The tiny tots of this pre-primary school displayed a great sense of participation and made the event a great success.

Tiny tots during games

Inauguration of New SMC at AF Stn Mumbai by DGMS (Air)

The new building of SMC was inaugurated by Air Mshl AK Behl AVSM, DGMS (Air) on 03 Nov 12 at Sion (E), Mumbai. Gp Capt S Srivastav, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Mumbai, Gp Capt AG Nair, SMO and Gp Capt AM Sharma, C Adm O were present at the inauguration function. The new SMC aims at providing better medical facilities to the air warriors and their families.

DGMS(Air) inaugurating the new SMC

Blood Donation Camp at AF Stn Bhowali

A Blood Donation camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Bhowali with the Blood Transfusion Department of BD Pandey Govt Hospital under the aegis of AFWWA(L) on 03 Nov 12. A total of 20 volunteers comprising service personnel and families donated blood.

Blood donation in progress

World Organ Donation Day at CHAF Bangalore

World organ donation day 2012 was celebrated in the Sushruta Auditorium of Command Hospital Air Force Bangalore on 29 Nov 12. A total of 100 people including transplanted patients, their kidney donors, nursing officers and probationary nursing cadets participated in the event.

Organ donors during ceremony

Breast Cancer Awareness and Bone Mineral Density Camp at AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab

A Breast Cancer Awareness Camp and Bone Mineral Density Camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab under the aegis of AFWWA (L) on 26 Oct 12. The camp was inaugurated by President, AFWWA (L) Dr Bhupinder Kaur Anand, Professor, Career Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow delivered a lecture on breast cancer awareness highlighting the need of self detection of breast cancer among ladies.

President, AFWWA (L) with snaginis and medical team

Best MI Room Award for AF Stn Leh

MI Room , AF Stn Leh has been awarded the 'Best MI Room' trophy of IAF for the year 2012 by President, AFWWA during the Commanders Conference held in October 2012 and also the 'Best MI Room' of WAC for the year 2012 by the AFWWA(R), WAC.

Staff of MI Room

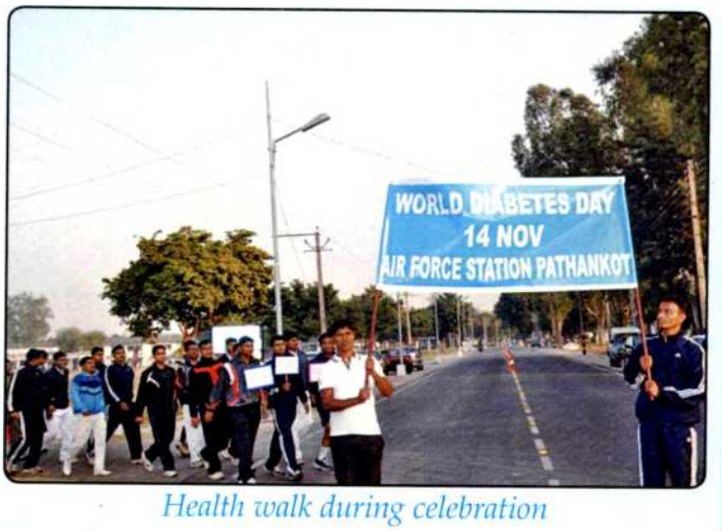
Cancer and Body Fat Analysis Camp at AF Stn Highgrounds

A Cancer and Body Fat Analysis Camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Highgrounds on 09 Oct 12 under the aegis of AFWWA (L) for benefit of sanginis. Dr Savita Gulati, Lady Medical Officer carried out Cancer and Body Fat check up of 78 sanginis. The camp was inaugurated by Mrs Manisha Dargar, President, AFWWA (L).

President, AFWWA (L) inaugurating the camp

World Diabetes Day Celebration at AF Stn Pathankot

To mark the occasion of World Diabetes day, a health walk was conducted at AF Stn Pathankot on 14 Nov 12. Air warriors were addressed by Air Cmde Ashok Shiragannavar, AOC. A lecture on effects and prevention of Diabetes was also delivered by Wg Cdr V Jayaswal, Medical Officer. Health education with use of pamphlets/ posters were also given to create awareness about diabetes.



Health walk during celebration

Indian Red Cross Society Workshop at AF Stn Awantipur

A First-Aid Lecture cum workshop was organised by Indian Red Cross Society at AF Stn Awantipur from 18 - 19 Oct 12. The workshop was for non-medical air warriors and sanginis of this Base. The demonstrations on application of bandages, splint, modified stretcher drill, artificial resuscitation were very educative and drew overwhelming participation.

Medical team during the workshop

Blood Donation Camp at AF Stn Rajokri

A Blood Donation Camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Rajokri on 26 Oct 12 under the aegis of AFWWA (L). The camp was inaugurated by Mrs Jaspreet Gulrajani, President, AFWWA (L). Due to wide publicity through service channel and AFWWA (L), a large number of motivated air warriors and families attended the camp and volunteered for noble cause of blood donation. A total of 61 personnel and families have donated the blood on the occasion. The camp was a huge success.

Stn Cdr with blood donors

Swasth Sangini Camp at AF Stn Pathankot

Swasth Sangini Health check camp was organised at SMC, AF Stn Pathankot from 01 - 19 Oct 12 in a phased manner. All routine investigations of blood and urine were carried out and were examined by LMO for general fitness including eyes, ENT and dental examination. During this camp, Swasth Sangini cards were issued for all the sanginis. ECG recording of sanginis above the age of 40 years was also carried out. A total No of 601 sanginis were examined during this health drive. Cases requiring specialist attention were referred to various specialists at 167 MH for opinion and management.

Sanginis during camp

Stress Management Workshop at AF School Pathankot

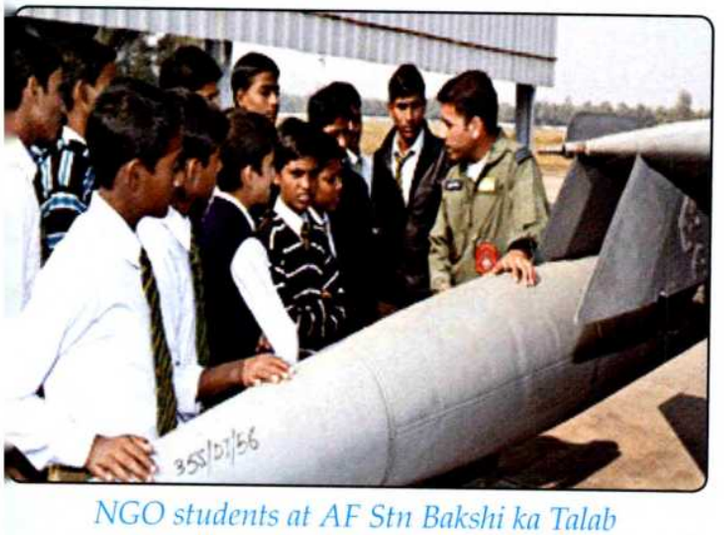
As a part of stress management strategies for school going children, a stress managemen

workshop was organised at AF School on 06 Oct 12. The workshop was conducted by Gp Capt VR Dubey, SMO and Dr Sushma Gupta Psychological counselor, AFS Pathankot. The children were educated about various stress factors in today's competitive world and were familiarised with various stress coping techniques. The students actively participated in the interactive session.

Children during the lecture

Visit by Students of NGO to AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab

A total of 32 students of various classes from the NGO "Make a Difference" were brought on a visit to AF Stn BKT to acquaint them with IAF. They were shown aircraft in the Tech Flight Hanger, and Air Traffic Control tower. They were given a motivational talk on IAF as a career option.



NGO students at AF Stn Bakshi ka Talab

AFWWA Diwas Celebration at AF Stn Nagpur

AFWWA Diwas was celebrated on 07 Oct & 27 Oct 12 at AF Stn Nagpur. Different activities like Fancy Dress competition, Poster making competition for children, Rangoli competition, Bindi competition for sanginis, Cultural programme for children and sanginis etc were organised during the celebration.

President, AFWWA (L) with children participants

Healthy Baby Show at AF Stn Dalhousie

A Healthy Baby Show was organised at AF Stn Dalhousie for kids under the age group of 0-5 years in coordination with SMC on 06 Nov 12. Tiny tots stole the show and enjoyed their day out. All the babies were presented with gifts.

President, AFWWA (L) with babies

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From the Editor

Dear readers,

This issue covers induction of Pilatus PC7 MKII aircraft, Commanders' Conference - April 2013, dedication of AF Base at Thanjavur to the nation and all other regular features. Exercise Live Wire and Investiture Ceremony for Presidential awards have been covered in pictures. The ceremony reminds us of the hard work, single minded dedication and perseverance that go behind such awards. Our congratulations to all the awardees for a well deserved honour.

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IAF INDUCTS BASIC TRAINER AIRCRAFT PILATUS PC 7 MK II

Basic Trainer aircraft, Pilatus, PC 7 MK II, was inducted in IAF on 31 May 13 by the Hon'ble RRM, Shri Jitendra Singh at AFA. Three PC 7 MK II aircraft got airborne in a victory formation led by Gp Capt RS Nandedkar to put up a brief display for the audience. This was followed by handing over of technical documents of the aircraft by Air Cmde Nagesh Kapoor, CI (Flying) to Hon'ble RRM.

After unveiling the new Basic Trainer aircraft, the Hon'ble RRM said, "The induction of PC 7 MK II as Basic Trainer aircraft in IAF is a very important landmark in our nation's quest to modernise its Armed Forces. As part of the ongoing transformation, IAF is being equipped

Unveiling of Pilatus by Hon'ble RRM

with cutting edge technology and state-of-the-art aircraft and systems. However, the need to train our ab-initio pilots on modern trainers is crucial to prepare them for the exacting requirements of combat flying.

With unveiling of Basic Trainer aircraft, we usher in a new era. Imparting high quality flying training to our budding pilots will ensure proficient handling of more sophisticated aircraft in their demanding roles. PC 7 MK II and its associated training infrastructure comprising of simulators and training modules

RRM with Military and Civil dignitaries

promises higher safety standards while developing the critical skills in military aviation. The aircraft, with its excellent handling characteristics, user friendly onboard instrumentation and modern navigation systems, is ideally suited for IAF's training requirements.

The PC 7 MK II aircraft would be used for Basic Training of all pilots of the IAF, in addition to the pilots of the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard. A total of 75 aircraft have been contracted from Pilatus, Switzerland. The procurement of PC 7 MK II was approved by the government in May 2012. The first batch of Flight Cadets would start their training on PC 7 MK II from July onwards.

First Flight

AIR FORCE COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE: APRIL 2013

The first bi-annual Air Force Commanders' Conference for the year 2013 was held at Air HQ from 16 - 18 Apr 13 and was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri AK Antony.

Hon'ble RM addressing AF commanders

In his address, the Hon'ble RM complimented the IAF for maintaining very high standards of professionalism as was evident during the conduct of Exercise 'Iron Fist' and Exercise 'Live Wire'. He stated that the Government was well aware of the need for IAF to modernise at a rapid pace and expressed his happiness with the manner in which the air warriors were managing this process of transition.

During his address, CAS listed five areas which he desired the Commanders to focus upon. These were Op Capability Enhancement, Op Infrastructure, Op Security, Op Resources and Human Resources. He advised the Cdrs to convey this message to their field Cdrs to facilitate all round progress on these matters.

The theme of the conference was 'Op and Security Infrastructure'. Host of related issues like MAFI Project, Infrastructure for New Sensors, Comprehensive Security Solutions for an Airbase, Latest developments in the field of Infrastructure, etc were discussed. Commanders also reviewed the progress made on the induction of new equipment and technologies, as also the progress on Infrastructure development.

RM interacting with AF commanders

Besides presentations by the Commanders and PSOs, issues related to Operations, Aerospace Safety, Maintenance, Personnel and Administration were also discussed during the conference. The Commanders were also addressed by General Bikram Singh PVSM AVSM UYSM SM VSM ADC, Chief of Army Staff, Shri RS Gujral, Finance Secretary and Shri KV Prasad, Associate Editor, The Tribune.

During the conference, the CAS awarded the

CAS presenting Sports Championship trophy to AOC-in-C TC

Swarna Rajbhasha Shield to TC, while the Rajat Rajbhasha Shield and the Kansya Rajbhasha Shield were awarded to WAC and MC respectively. The Best AFNET Site trophy was awarded to AF Stn Tambaram of TC. The Sardar Baldev Singh Challenge Cup for overall sports championship was awarded to TC. The Chief of the Air Staff Trophy for the best AF sportsman was awarded to 8948784-B AC (U/T) Vikas Thakur Adm Asst of ATS Belgaum.

DEDICATION CEREMONY AT AF STN THANJAVUR

Hon'ble RM Shri AK Antony dedicated the AF Base at Thanjavur to the nation in a formal ceremony held at the AF Stn on 27 May 13. Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee & CAS, Air Marshal RK Jolly VM VSM, AOC-in-C SAC along with other senior AF officers and civil dignitaries attended. The RM was presented the ceremonial Guard of Honour on arrival. The Dedication Ceremony was marked by inaugural flight by two Su-30 MK I aircraft. After the unveiling of the dedication plaque, Hon'ble RM visited the Photo Gallery which depicted the history and evolution of AF Stn Thanjavur besides having Bara Khana with the personnel.

Unveiling of the dedication plaque by Hon'ble RM

Hon'ble RM addressing the press conference

While addressing the media, Shri AK Antony reiterated that the establishment of this premier fighter base assumes significance in view of the current geo-political scenario and security perceptions in the oceanic region around the peninsula.

He added that, the combat assets envisaged for this air base would provide air defence cover to the strategic and vital installations on land and safeguard national interests over the seas. He was also confident that the IAF with induction of Su-30 MK I and other operational infrastructure at the base would pose a strong deterrent posture and assure security in the neighbourhood.

COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE: MC

The annual Commanders' Conference-II (2012-13) of MC was held from 29 Apr - 01 May 13 at HQ MC. It was attended by Commanders of EDs, BRDs, MCUs and AFLEs. Air Mshl J Chandra PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C MC inaugurated the conference. The objective of the conference was to review the performance of last production year and provide a platform for resolving

MC commanders' conference in progress

functional problems. Modernisation of infrastructure, cost effective inventory management, enhancement of quality of product support and job enrichment were the areas of focus. Trophies and awards were presented to various formations for their performance during 2012.

JOINT EXERCISE: TROPEX-13

HQ MAO was involved in conduct of Theatre Level Operational Exercise TROPEX-13 jointly with the Indian Navy during Feb - Mar 2013. IAF participated with maritime fighters, transport and force multiplier aircraft. These aircraft were deployed across the Western and Eastern seaboard of the Indian peninsula.

Exercise TROPEX in action

Transport and rotary wing aircraft were integrated in the amphibious exercise phase. Airborne ops and vertical envelopment of objective area were effectively executed. Troops from SF element of the IAF participated in the exercise along with sister service SF elements. IAF fighters carried out strike profiles against simulated enemy ships deployed in deep sea. Long range strikes were enabled by mid air refuelling. The maritime air operations were conducted round the clock in a well coordinated manner. Extensive flying was undertaken and joint maritime procedures were consolidated along with procedural refinements.

DFMC AT HQ MC

A three-day Defence Financial Management Course for Air Force officers was conducted at HQ MC from 08 - 10 May 13 in collaboration with Regional Training Centre (Southern Region), Bangalore.

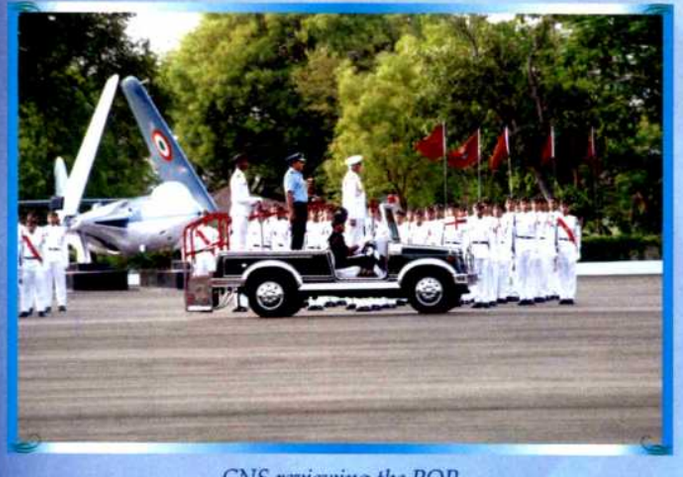
Course participants of DFMC

The main objective of the course was to provide an insight into Defence Procurement Procedure and other related issues so as to train young officers in handling the financial aspects of procurement. A total of 36 officers from various stations/units under MC attended the course.

Air Mshl Sukhchain Singh VSM, SMSO, HQ MC inaugurated the course. In his inaugural address, he stressed upon the need for continuously updating knowledge on various principles of financial management and applying them during various procurement processes. During the course, intense discussions were held on various financial methodologies. Shri Vijay Kumar, IDAS, Integrated Financial Advisor (Central Command, Army), Shri DK Rai, IDAS Addl Controller, Shri MK Sinha, IDAS, Integrated Financial Advisor (Maintenance Command) and Gp Capt Sanjay Seth VSM, Director Capital Budget from Air HQs also shared their views with officers attending the course.

Passing Out Parade at NDA

An impressive Passing Out Parade of the 124th course was held on 31 May 13 at the iconic National Defence Academy (NDA), the cradle of leadership for the Armed forces. Admiral DK Joshi PVSM AVSM YSM NM VSM



CNS reviewing the POP

ADC, CNS reviewed the parade which marked the successful culmination of combined training for 297 cadets. These cadets would now join their respective academies for further training before they join the mainstream. Five cadets from Tajikistan, four from Afganistan and one from Bhutan also graduated with the 124th course. Cadets JS Suman, Vikrant Kumar and Vishal Dahiya were awarded the Gold, Silver and Bronze medels respectively. The 'Chief of Staff Banner' for the Champion Squadron was awarded to the 'N' Squadron.

While addressing the cadets, the CNS spoke on the importance of moral values and exhorted the young cadets to remain morally upright and of strong character with highest levels of professional excellence. He further emphasised to carry forward the legacy of Armed Forces.

A flypast by the Super Dimonas, the basic trainer aircraft used by the Air Force Cadets at NDA, was a special attraction at the parade. Instructors of the Air Force Training Team in a Trishakti formation flew the aircraft. When the passing out cadets were on slow march towards the Quarter Deck, the flypast with three Helicopters in the 'Hawk' formation with 'ALH' in the centre flanked by the Cheetah and the Chetak on either side was performed.

Sarang Team at NDA

The Passing Out Parade of the 124th course of NDA cadets was conducted with honour and pride on 31 May 13. Sarang Team was invited to perform a display during this prestigious ceremony. After the POP, the parents and other dignitaries assembled at Salaria square at NDA. Four ALH of the Sarang team enthralled the audience with a breathtaking display of grace and beauty. Sarang team display was lead by Wg Cdr Ravi Pathak VM, CO, Sarang Team.

With the aim to motivate the NDA cadets, give them a glimpse of the Air Force operations and also to provide an opportunity to interact with

Fly-past by Sarang team

the team members, on 27 May 13, Sarang team performed exclusively for the staff, cadets and residents of NDA. About 2000 Officers, families and cadets gathered at AFTT to witness the display. After taking permission from the Commandant, CO, Sarang lead his team of nine pilots in carrying out walk brief in front of the spectators wherein the profile that was to be flown was rehearsed on ground. Thereafter, the pilots marched to the aircraft and after a synchronised immaculate start-up drill and simultaneous takeoff, the team painted the skies of NDA in the Sarang colours and kept the spectators spell bound for fifteen minutes.

Raising of 159 HU at AF Stn Hasimara

IAF began inducting Mi-17 V5 helicopters in 2012. After Srinagar, Bathinda and other AF Stns, the sixth unit of Mi-17 V5 was raised at AF Stn Hasimara as 159 HU, under the command of Wg Cdr Sanjay Chopra. The first helicopter was inducted in the Unit on 18 Mar 13. The induction ceremony was presided over by Air Mshl Ravi Kant Sharma AVSM VM, AOC-in-C EAC. He presented the 'Vajra' to the CO of the Unit. Mi-17 V5 is a multi-role helicopter with medium-lift capability. It is fully equipped with latest features and modern avionics, including

AOC-in-C EAC presenting the 'Vajra' to CO, 159 HU

multi-function displays, digital electronic control and an automatic flight control system.

Radio Frequency Identification Project at 24 ED

Air Mshl J Chandra PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C MC visited 24 ED on 04 Apr 13. During his visit, he visited Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) enabled storage shed at the

AOC-in-C MC at RFID enabled storage

depot. RFID project is a pioneer project in IAF and a major link in IAF's logistics and supply chain management. This project has been finalised after extensive study/research encompassing necessary inventory control system and warehouse management which is

essential for transforming our logistics and supply chain system. Fully operational RFID project will facilitate movement tracking of items along with providing specific locations of the available stocks in the IAF inventory, which will ultimately usher in better appreciation of provisioning and procurement activities.

Conduct of IT and IW Week at AF Stn Srinagar

IT and IW week was conducted at AF Stn Srinagar from 22 - 28 Apr 13. During the week various lectures, presentations and competitions

Workshop in progress

were organised to create awareness among air warriors. Gp Capt JS Mann VM, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Srinagar inaugurated the week and urged all air warriors to be vigilant and sensitive towards Cyber security. Prizes were distributed to winners of different competitions.

MT Inspection at AF Stn Srinagar

MT Section of AF Stn Srinagar and all lodger units was inspected by a team from HQ WAC from 13 - 15 May 13. A high degree of serviceability was represented by Station MT Section and all lodger units.

MT fleet

35TH Flight Test Course at ASTE

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, CAS presided as the Chief Guest for the Graduation Ceremony of the 35th Flight Test Course. He presented certificates to ten Test Pilots and three Flight Test Engineers graduating in the Flight Test Course of the Air Force Test Pilots School at ASTE. On successful completion of 48 weeks of training,

CAS with course participants

the graduating officers will now join the select band of flight test professionals in the country.

The prestigious "Suranjan Das Trophy" for the best all-round student test pilot was awarded to

Sqn Ldr S Garg while the "Chief of Air Staff Trophy" for the best student test pilot in Flight Evaluation was awarded to Sqn Ldr K Praveen Kumar. The "Hanumanth Singh" Sword for the best all-round student flight test engineer and the "Dunlop Trophy" for the best student in Flight Evaluation was awarded to Lt Cdr VK Pandey.

Speaking on the occasion, the CAS congratulated the award winners for their performance in the course. He also exhorted the graduates to contribute to the field of flight testing especially in upcoming indigenous projects like the LCA, IJT, ALH, LCH and the AEW&C developmental trials.

Valedictory Function of 36 HACC

The 36th Higher Air Command Course which commenced at CAW on 02 Jul 12 with 32 officers from the three services, concluded on 05 Apr 13 with an impressive valedictory

VCAS presenting the awards

function. Air Mshl DC Kumaria PVSM AVSM VM VSM ADC, VCAS was the Chief Guest on the function. He awarded the 'Air Chief Marshal LM Katre Trophy' for best overall performance to Gp Capt Alok Singh while Col V Anabarasu won the 'AOC-in-C Trophy' for 'Best Individual Presentation'. The distinguished guests included Prof K Laxmi, HoD, Department of Political Science, Osmania University and Prof P Muthaiah, Chairman, Board of Studies, Osmania University.

147 Fighter Controllers' Course

Six officers from friendly foreign countries, viz., two each from Afghanistan, Botswana and Kenya joined Air Defence College (ADC) on 07 Jan 13 to undergo 147 Fighter Controllers'

Chief Guest handing over the trophy

Course along with IAF officers. These officers passed out on 28 Mar 13 after 12 weeks of training at ADC. The officers were awarded course completion certificates by the Chief Guest, Gp Capt Ajay Singh, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Memaura. Impressive ceremonies were held in ADC and officers' mess as part of the valedictory function.

PPR Meeting at AFLC (BEL) Bengaluru

The First Production Performance Review (PPR) meeting for the year 2013 was held on 14 - 15 May 13 at Air Force Liaison Cell (BEL),

Bengaluru under the Co-Chairmanship of AVM RM Tiwari, ACAS (Systems) and Mr HN Ramakrishna, Director Marketing. Director BEL (BC), General Managers of various BEL Strategic Business Units having active relationship with IAF, representatives of Air HQ, HQ MC, 12 BRD, DARE and CEMILAC participated in the

PPR meeting in progress

meeting. The two-day review meeting conducted periodically by IAF has been giving encouraging results for resolving performance related issues of all products supplied by BEL to IAF and also for charting plan of action for futuristic projects.

First Vocational Training Course at 8 Tettra School

The first IAF Vocational Training Course under project "Happy Landings" in collaboration with Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) concluded on 03 May 13 at 8 Tettra School. The objective of the course is to prepare retiring air warriors for a second career in the corporate world. 75 air warriors successfully completed the course, which had commenced on 11 Feb 13. Air Cmde TN Ajith Kumar, PD Trg (G), the Chief Guest for the

Chief Guest handing over the certificates

valedictory function presented certificates issued by CII to the passing out participants. The course curriculum has been designed by CII in consultation with IAF. During the course, the participants were imparted training on skill development, capability enhancement, modern corporate practices, CV preparation and various soft skills, such as art of facing interview, presentation and communication skills etc. The course has immensely helped the air warriors to bridge the gap between existing skills and those required by the civil industry. The feedback from the participants has been extremely encouraging. CII has assured facilitating placements to all willing participants, commensurate to their qualification and experience. The second VTC course is planned from 01 Jul 13 at the same venue.

Passing out Parade at MTTI

After undergoing professional and military training, 144 trainees of Auto Tech trade and 57 trainees of Auto Fit trade passed out from MTTI on 28 Mar 13.

Air Cmde TN Ajith Kumar, PD Trg (G), was the Chief Guest and Reviewing Officer on the occasion. He was received by Gp Capt

Marching past the dias

J Manacherry, CO, MTTI. The Reviewing Officer received the salute and reviewed the parade presented by the immaculately dressed trainees. He also handed over the coveted trophies to the meritorious trainees. In his address, the Reviewing Officer congratulated the passing out air warriors and stressed on the need for professionalism in their respective trades for the best use of the organisation. The best all rounder trophies were awarded to LAC Rahul of Auto Fit and LAC Roopesh Khete of Auto Tech, respectively.

SWAC ATS Seminar at AF Stn Jodhpur

The SWAC Air Traffic Service (ATS) seminar was held at AF Stn Jodhpur on 02 - 03 May 13. Air Mshl SS Soman AVSM VM, SASO, HQ SWAC opened the seminar with his address and highlighted the importance of ATS in ensuring a safe flying environment. Air Cmde B Saju VM, AOC, AF Stn Jodhpur welcomed all officers and brought out the emerging ATS issues. Several ATS topics were discussed in the seminar including MAFI, Flexible use of airspace, Utilisation of Radar Simulators, better exploitation of ATCR 33 S radar and other related topics. The seminar was very beneficial in understanding the future challenges of Air

SASO, HQ SWAC with seminar participants

Traffic Services in IAF and towards deriving solutions to overcome them. The seminar was attended by all the SATCOs of SWAC.

Sensitisation Programme on Sub Conventional Threat by AFMLU

In order to raise awareness and sensitise civil security personnel all over Tamil Nadu, one day sensitisation programme on 'Sub Conventional Air Threat' was conducted on 09 Apr 13 by AFMLU for Inspectors of Police serving at operational and non-operational airports in Tamil Nadu, at Special Branch Training School, Chennai. Importance of

Sensitisation programme in progress

understanding capability and procedures employed to counter the threat of sub-conventional elements was brought out. Superintendent of Police, Special Branch, Chennai, in his closing address thanked the IAF for conducting such a programme for the first time, which had enhanced the awareness on role and functions of IAF in Sub Conventional Operations and the early warning that could be provided by civil police.

AR Workshop by AFRO at AF Stn Jammu

AFRO team, headed by Air Cmde KPUK Nair VSM, AOC, AFRO, conducted regional level AR workshop at AF Stn Jammu on 22 - 23 Apr 13. Issues pertaining to Airmen and

Workshop in progress

NCs(E), along with the latest HRM policy, were discussed during the workshop.

Management Capsule Course for SNCOs at 5 BRD

Three capsule courses on Leadership and Management for SNCOs and Warrant ranks

AOC presenting certificates

were conducted during Mar - Apr 13 at 5 BRD. 75 Warrant Ranks and SNCOs were trained during these courses. A test was conducted on 22 Apr 13 and certificates were given to the personnel by Air Cmde S Choudhary, AOC, 5 BRD.

Conduct of AIRPEX in OTES Mode at 5 Wg

Airmen Promotion Exam- AIRPEX (written) on OTES mode was successfully conducted at 5 Wg from 30 Apr - 02 May 13. A total of 29, 40 and 88 (in two shifts) airmen appeared in JPE, SPE and CPE respectively. No interruption was encountered during the conduct of the exam.

AIRPEX in progress

HON'BLE PRESIDENT VISITS AF STN GUWAHATI

Hon'ble President Shri Pranab Mukherjee visited AF Stn Guwahati on 13 May 13. He

Hon'ble President at AF Stn Guwahati

was given a Guard of Honour. The parade was commanded by Gp Capt SP Shirolkar, C Eng O. Air Cmde Mukesh Rawat VM, AOC, AF Stn Guwahati received Hon'ble President and accompanied him to the parade ground. Mr JB Pattanaik, Hon'ble Governor of Assam was also present on the occasion.

Hon'ble President reviewing the Guard of Honour

CAS VISITS SPAIN

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, Chairman Chiefs of Staff Committee & Chief of Air Staff was on a visit to the Spain from 09 - 12 Apr 13. He Discussed a wide range of bilateral issues on the ongoing defence cooperation between the two countries.

CAS reviewing the Guard of Honour

CAS with Spanish Air Chief

CAS visiting an aircraft facility

CAS Visits HQ SAC

Air Chief Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM ADC, CAS accompanied by Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA visited HQ SAC for the SAC Commanders' Conference on 02 - 03 May 13. They were received by Air Mshl RK Jolly VM VSM, AOC-in-C SAC along with Mrs Meenakshi Jolly, President, AFWWA (R) SAC. CAS reviewed an impressive Guard of Honour by air warriors on his arrival.

CAS reviewing the Guard of Honour

CAS addressed the SAC Commanders' Conference. He updated the Stn Cdrs on the security scenario with special reference to the implications in the Southern Peninsula. He further stated that IAF is on a high growth path and is in the process of acquiring multi-spectral strategic capabilities. He complimented the air warriors for the success of recently conducted Air Force exercises 'Iron Fist' and 'Live Wire' which showcased the power of IAF in the wide spectrum of sub-conventional and conventional operations in a net centric environment. He stressed on the importance of leadership, team building and discipline which were major contributors to the success of these exercises. Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA, participated in various welfare and social functions which were organised by AFWWA (R). She also addressed the Board of Management Meeting of AFWWA (R) SAC.

CAS interacting with air warriors

AOC-in-C WAC Visits AF Stn Leh

Air Mshl Arup Raha PVSM AVSM VM ADC, AOC-in-C WAC visited AF Stn Leh on 07 - 08 May 13. During the course of the visit, the AOC-in-C interacted with the air warriors of the Stn over a cup of tea.

AOC-in-C WAC interacting with air warriors

The Stn personnel, after being confined indoors for over six months due to the extreme cold, were overjoyed at the opportunity to interact with the outside world and were actively engaged with the Air Marshal during the tea. A lot was discussed over the tea and the AOC-in-C walked

away from the venue, very happy with his interaction with a bunch of smiling air warriors. He was appreciative of the can do attitude of the personnel in spite of the severe adversities faced by them on a regular basis.

AOC-in-C CAC Visits AF Stn Bhowali

Air Mshl J Chauhan AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C CAC visited AF Stn Bhowali on 30 - 31 May 13. He was received by the Gp Capt S Ramanathan, Stn Cdr. He visited all important sections in the Admin and Technical sites of the

AOC-in-C CAC at AFS Bhowali

Stn and reviewed the operational readiness. He addressed the Stn personnel and interacted with DSC, NCs (E), MES and Civilian employees. He also reviewed the ongoing work services related to the road leading to the tech site which is located at a distance of 23 Kms from Admin site and at a height of 8600 ft AMSL.

AOC-in-C MC Visits AF Stn Kanpur

Air Mshl J Chandra PVSM AVSM VSM ADC, AOC-in-C MC visited AF Stn Kanpur on 13 May 13. He was accompanied by

AOC-in-C MC at AFS Kanpur

Mrs Sharmila Chandra, President, AFWWA (R) CAC. On arrival, they were welcomed by Air Cmde Gulshan Rai VSM, AOC, AF Stn Kanpur, Mrs Anju Rai, President, AFWWA (L) and other senior officers of the Stn.

He visited various sections of 4 BRD, 1 BRD, 29 ED, 3 ASC and other lodger units of the Stn. He inspected the sites of various ongoing projects. COs of various units gave detailed presentations on maintenance activities. The Air Marshal interacted with the air warriors and civilians of the Stn and emphasised on the need for good workmanship. Mrs Sharmila Chandra, President, AFWWA (R) visited various ventures being run by AFWWA (L). She interacted with Sanginis and enquired about their well being.

AOC-in-C EAC Visits AF Stn Chabua

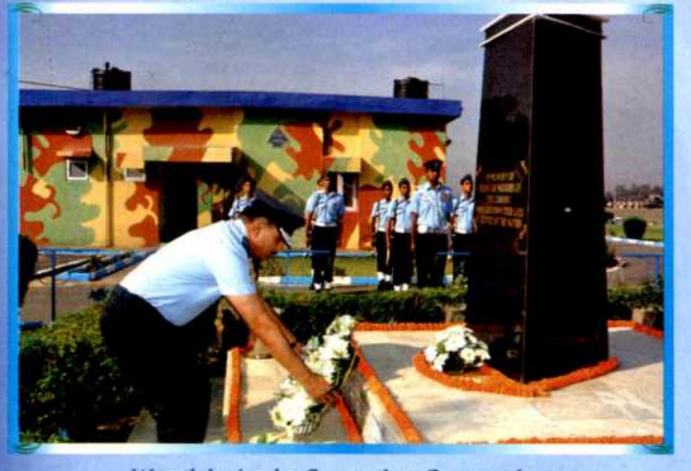
Air Mshl RK Sharma AVSM VM, AOC-in-C EAC accompanied by Dr (Mrs) Chitralekha Sharma, President, AFWWA(R) EAC visited AF Stn Chabua on 25 - 26 Apr 13. On arrival, they were received by Air Cmde Mohan Rao VM VSM, AOC, AF Stn Chabua and Mrs Linda Rao, President, AFWWA(L).The AOC-in-C reviewed a guard of honour on arrival and visited all units and messes and interacted with Stn personnel

AOC-in-C EAC reviewing the Guard of Honour

and officers. He complimented the air warriors for their commitment towards IAF level exercises 'Live Wire' and 'Iron Fist'.

Commodore Commandant 130 HU Visits AF Stn Jammu

Air Mshl KS Gill AVSM YSM VM, Comdt, NDA and Commodore Commandant, 130 HU visited AF Stn Jammu from 09 - 11 May 13 for the ongoing Silver Jubilee Celebrations of 130 HU. The visit began with a Volleyball match played between the living-in and living-out personnel of the unit at Stn sports ground. The next day of the visit began with wreath laying ceremony at Unit Memorial followed by Hollow Square, which concluded with an interactive session with the air warriors of the unit.



Wreath laying by Commodore Commandant

SASO, HQ TC Visits MTI

Air Mshl AP Garud VM, SASO, HQ TC visited MTI on 11 Apr 13. He was received by Gp Capt Amit Sharma, CO, MTI. The Air Marshal visited training Sqns, viz., Propulsion Sqn, Structure Sqn and Weapon Sqn. He interacted with the MOD-I ab-initio trainees,

SASO, HQ TC at MTI

MOD-II trainees as well as the foreign trainees. He emphasised on strict adherence to aerospace safety norms. He further advised the instructors to adopt incessant measures to inculcate aerospace safety in the minds of trainees in the preliminary stages of training so that it is ingrained as a habit in the later stage of their service period.

SASO, HQ SWAC Visits AF Stn Mumbai

Air Mshl SS Soman AVSM VM, SASO, HQ SWAC visited AF Stn Mumbai from 08 - 11 Apr 13. During his visit to the Stn, he

Stn Cdr presenting memento to SASO, HQ SWAC

interacted with the Stn Cdr regarding ongoing project at OTM Kalina. Gp Capt S Srivastava, Stn Cdr, AF Stn, Mumbai presented a memento to SASO during his visit.

ACAS (MP) Visits AF Stn High Grounds

AVM DK Pande AVSM VSM, ACAS (MP) visited AF Stn High Grounds on 22 Apr 13. He was received by Gp Capt Sanjeev Dargar, Stn Cdr, AF Stn High Grounds. He visited Exam Cell & IT Cell, MiG 29 and Upgrade Complex, X-Ray model, Mi-26 and MiG 27 Complexes. He was briefed about various Armament Control System Modes, built in test

ACAS (MP) at AFS Highgrounds

of No 19 Radar and KOLS, integration of Armament System & EKRAN system DI and wheel brake system mock up etc.

Director, Group Stn DSC, HQ Bengal Area Visits 5 Wg

Col Gautam Dey, Director, Group Stn DSC, HQ Bengal Area visited DSC Platoon attached to

Director, Group Stn DSC, HQ Bengal area at 5 Wg

5 Wg on 12 Apr 13. He inspected DSC line, offices and guard posts during his visit. He presented a trophy and a cheque of Rs 5000/- to DSC Coy.

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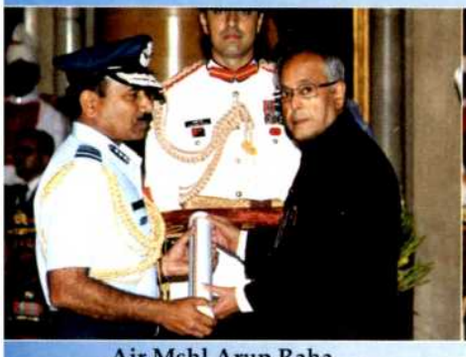

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Air Mshl Anil Chopra
AVSM VM VSM (13368) F(P) **(RETIRED)**

Air Mshl Jagdish Chandra
AVSM VSM ADC (14613) AE(L)

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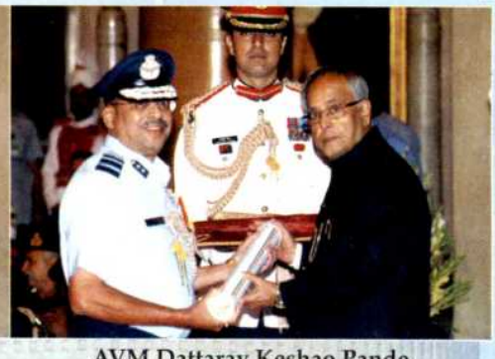

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VM (16608) F(P)

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Air Mshl Satish Pal Singh
AVSM VM (13770) F(P) (Retired)

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AVM Narendra Bahadur Singh
VSM (15635) AE(L)

AVM Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria
VM (16026) F(P)

AVM Sardar Harpal Singh
VM (16071) F(P)

Air Cmde Rajendra Nalsinghrao Gaekwad
VSM (17845) F(P)

Air Cmde Radhakrishnan Radhish
VM (17853) F(P)

Air Cmde Suresh Singh
VSM (16941) AE (L)

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(29037) F(P)

GOODWILL VISIT AT AF STN AWANTIPUR

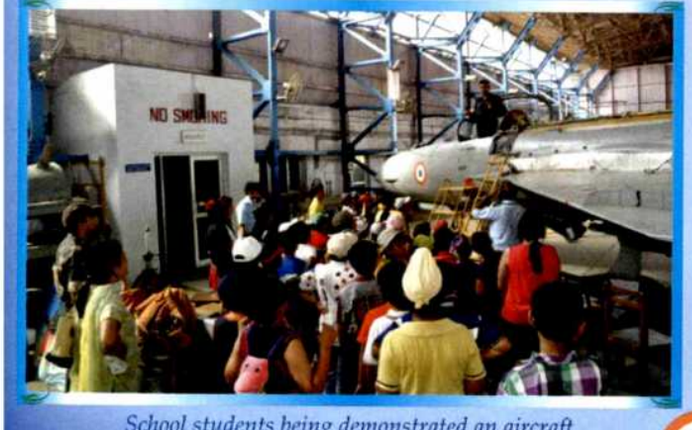
A 'goodwill visit' of about 80 students of KCEF College of Education, Pulwama

Students at AFS Awantipur

(J&K) was organised at AF Stn Awantipur on 14 May 13. The students were taken around the base and shown the war machines. They were also shown a film 'Indian Air Force at Eighty'. Numerous queries about the defence forces were aptly answered by Sqn Ldr Madhu Sengar, Education Officer. The students went back satisfied that 'the country is well defended' and also with an eagerness to be a part of this family.

SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT AF STN SIRSA

A total of 67 students from various schools of Sirsa city visited AF Stn Sirsa on 24 May 13. They were shown the aircraft and explained



School students being demonstrated an aircraft

about various features of aircraft and flying. They were also apprised about role of armed forces in general and IAF in particular. Opportunities available for youth to join the IAF as a career were explained to the students.

CAREER PUBLICITY DURING FAIR KNOWLEDGE FEST AT BHUJ

Knowledge Fest : 2013 was an opportunity wherein IAF has shown great presence felt amongst organiser and student community during a three days Knowledge Fest, conducted by Rotary Club of Bhuj, from 03 - 05 May 13 at Jubilee Ground. The fair was inaugurated by Shri Bhupendrasinh Chudasma, Hon'ble

Hon'ble Education Minister of Gujrat interacting with S Edn O

Education Minister of Govt of Gujarat. A team of Officer, Warrant ranks and other supporting members participated in the fest to create awareness amongst students of various educational institutes located in proximity of Bhuj area about various facets of the IAF in order to enhance the quality of applicants for Officers' cadre. In his interaction, Hon'ble Minister appreciated the efforts put in by the IAF team. The students were immensely benefitted by the information provided about the facilities and career prospects in IAF through motivational posters, banners and pamphlets. The students expressed their solitude and gratitude to know about elite force as IAF and they were over whelmed to join IAF in future.

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting

AFWWA Board of Management Meeting was held on 16 Apr 13 at Akash Officers' Mess, New Delhi under the chairpersonship of

President, AFWWA with Board members

Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA. All the Presidents AFWWA (R) and Board Members attended the meeting. Various points related to the cause of AFWWA were discussed during the meeting.

AFWWA BOM meeting in progress

Enhancement of AFWWA Benefits

The existing rates of AFWWA Ex-gratia and AFWWA pension has been revised from ₹ 8000/- to ₹ 10000/- wef 01 Apr 13 and will be granted to the widows of Air Force Personnel who die while in service. The amount now payable to the widow will be ₹ 20,000/- (lump sum) and will be extended to her by the last serving unit of her husband.

Annual Board of Management Meeting AFWWA (R) SAC

The Annual Board of Management Meeting of AFWWA(R), SAC was held at HQ SAC on 02 - 03 May 13. All Presidents AFWWA(L) within the AOR of SAC attended the meeting. The BOM was inaugurated by Mrs Kiran Browne, President, AFWWA. She complimented all on their whole hearted involvement, creativity and responsibility with which they were carrying out their duties. Awards for the Best SMC, Best Play School, Best AF School, and Best AFWWA were given. She visited the AF School, the Neev Play School and Nidhi Thrift Shop along with President, AFWWA(R) SAC.

President, AFWWA (R) SAC presenting memento to President, AFWWA

VISIT OF PRESIDENT, AFWWA(R) CAC TO AF STN BHOWALI

Mrs Harminder Chauhan, President, AFWWA(R) CAC visited AF Stn Bhowali on 30 - 31 May 13. She was received by Mrs Uma Ramanathan, President, AFWWA(L). During

President AFWWA (R) CAC with sanginis at AFS Bhowali

her visit she interacted with the Sanginis and visited AFWWA (L) ventures. She appreciated the Sangini's fitness center, an exclusive gymnasium, for the ladies. She also reviewed the welfare measures undertaken by the AFWWA(L) for the families of Stn personnel.

AFWWA PICNIC AT AF STN JAMMU

The 'Sanginis' of AF Stn Jammu went on a Picnic to Suchetgarh border under the leadership of Mrs Mamta Patange, President, AFWWA(L). The BSF personnel gave whole hearted support to the ladies. The Sanginis were briefed about the role of BSF and their importance in the safeguarding our border. The Sanginis also went to the Border post and were briefed about the importance of the Suchetgarh post.

Sanginis during picnic

CHILDREN SUMMER CAMP AT 15 FBSU

Summer Camp for the children of age group between 05 to 15 years of IAF personnel was

Children at summer camp

organised at Chidiya Tapu beach by AFWWA(L) of 15 FBSU on 21 Apr 13. Children visited the zoological park and enjoyed the scenic beauty of the Chidiya Tapu beach. The camp involved a number of recreational activities for the children, such as group dance and antakshri. 28 children attended the picnic.

SEMINAR ON MEMORY SKILLS AT AF STN MANAURI

A seminar 'Memory Mirchi' for improving memory skills was organised at AF Stn Manauri on 14 May 13 under the aegis of AFWWA(L). The seminar was conducted by world's strongest memory man and Guinness world record holder Mr Krishan Chahal who has

Seminar in progress

created a world record by memorising the value of pi up to 43000 digits.

The seminar was attended by Mrs Medha Phansalkar, President, AFWWA (L) and other distinguished guests from AF Stn Manauri. Around 300 personnel of the Stn including children participated in the seminar.

SUMMER ADVENTURE CAMP AT AF STN SRINAGAR

Summer Adventure Camp for children of air warriors at AF Stn Srinagar was conducted under aegis of AFWWA(L) from 21 - 24 May 13. The children were divided in two

Children participating summer adventure camp

groups of below nine years and above nine years. During the camp children were introduced to various activities like rock climbing, obstacle race etc. Mrs Preetha Balachandran, President, AFWWA (L) accompanied the children during their activities and visits to nearby defence establishments.

KHANA KHAJANA AT AKASH MESS

A cookery show named 'Khana Khajana' by Mr Abhiskek Mishra was organised at Akash Mess, New Delhi on 17 Apr 13. The event was a great success and appreciated by all.

Cookery show at Akash Mess

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF AF STN HASIMARA

AF Stn Hasimara completed 50 years of operational existence on 07 Apr 13. This historical event was celebrated with great pomp and show from 07 - 13 Apr 13. It was on 07 Apr 63 that a Caribou ac of IAF landed at a small private airstrip near Hasimara in Distt Jalpaiguri and

Commando tactics demonstration

dropped off its first Stn Cdr, Wg Cdr DG King Lee. The decision to establish an air base at Hasimara was taken after the Indo-China war of 1962. Over the years, the Stn has grown by leaps and bounds and has been home for Toofani, Hunter, Gnat, Ajeet MKI, MiG-21, MiG-27 and presently Mi-17 V5 Heptr. The saga of courage by the personnel of the Stn during the 1971 Indo-Pak war is not merely a matter of history but a glorious chapter in the annals of the IAF. The first aerobatics team of the IAF, "The Thunderbolts" flying the Hawker Hunter aircraft was formed at this base in 1982. The week-long celebration included functions at messes, static display, sky diving by Air Devils, demonstration of Commando tactics by Garuds, slithering operation by Mi-17 V5 helicopter and a fly past by Su-30 MKI ac.

47TH ANNIVERSARY OF 5 BRD

47th Anniversary of 5 BRD AF was celebrated on 21 Apr 13. All personnel along with their

Sports activities during anniversary celebration

families and children assembled at Painting hanger for the occasion. Air Cmde S Chaudhary, AOC, 5 BRD inaugurated the celebrations. Various sports activities were conducted for children and families inside the hanger. It was followed by a lunch.

CELEBRATION OF BRD DAY AT 9 BRD

9 BRD completed 47 years on 01 Apr 13. Air Cmde Deepak Sood, AOC, 9 BRD gave

BRD day celebration

away cash awards and certificates to the deserving air warriors and civilians. He congratulated all the depot personnel on this occasion and wished them success for their future. High tea was organised to celebrate the occasion during which AOC interacted with the Depot personnel. In addition to other events, an orchestra by a Rock band was also organised.

Raising Day Celebration at 11 TAC AF

11 TAC was raised on 16 Apr 86. The Centre is located in far flung Nagaland and is commanded by Gp Capt Ajay Shukla VM. The

Raising day at 11 TAC

unit celebrated its 27th Raising Day in which all the senior army officers of HQ 3 Corps were present to bolster the spirit of jointmanship with their IAF comrade-in-arms. Lt Gen AK Sahni SM VSM, GOC, 3 Corps graced the occasion. GOC, 3 Corps appreciated the sound professionalism and dedication of the air warriors.

Kargil Martyrs Day at AF Stn Sarsawa

Kargil Martyrs' Day was observed at AF Stn Sarsawa on 28 May 13 to honour the four

Wreath laying by AOC

brave air warriors of 'The Mighty Armour' who had laid down their lives on 28 May 99 during Kargil Operations. Air Cmde Sunil Jose, AOC, AF Stn Sarsawa and all air warriors paid tribute to these brave air warriors in the wreath laying ceremony organised to commemorate the 14th anniversary of their supreme sacrifice. In the evening a candle light ceremony was organised to mark the event where all families gathered and paid homage to these war heroes.

First Anniversary Event at AECB: Eye Pledge Camp

Aeronautical Engineers Categorisation Board (AECB) was formed on 26 Dec 11 at

Team AECB with families

the premises of AFTC, Bangalore to undertake categorisation of AE officers in IAF. The first categorisation ceremony was conducted on 19 Apr 12. To commemorate one year of unit functioning, AECB conducted an "Eye Pledge Camp", facilitated by Lions International Eye Bank. The event was presided by Dr Rekha Gyanchand, Director, Eye Bank Association of India (SZ). All the AECB personnel, including their family members, came forward and pledged their eyes for donation.

Air Force School 3 BRD Chandigarh Celebrates Annual Day

AF School 3 BRD Chandigarh celebrated its annual day on 11 May 13. The function commenced with 'Ganesha Vandana' follwed by

Children performing during Annual day

the annual report which was read out by the Principal, Mrs Satinder Kaur. The students presented an English dance 'Roses are Red'. 'Laughter ke Jhatke' enthralled one and all. The audience was left mesmerised by 'Matri Devo Bhara' a tribute to all the mothers and motherhood. The Chief Guest Air Cmde AK Barik VSM, AOC, 3 BRD appreciated the efforts of all the students and teachers of the school for such a commendable performance. Mrs Tanuja Barik, President, AFWWA (L) gave away the prizes to the winners.

Dance Competition for Children at AF School Coimbatore

A colourful extravaganza, set to the theme "Yesterday, today and tomorrow" was presented by students of AF School, Coimbatore as part of Co-Curricular activity programme on 02 May 13. Students were divided into four groups, namely Gandhi, Raman, Shastri and

Dance competition in progress

Tagore. 180 students enthusiastically participated in the inter house group dance competition to make the event an enjoyable one. The first prize was awarded to Raman House.

CAC Stn MWOs' Conference Conducted at AF Stn Bhowali

Second bi-annual CAC level Stn MWOs' Conference was conducted at AF Stn Bhowali on 29 - 30 Apr 13 under the chairmanship of AVM AS Butola VM VSM, SOA, HQ CAC. This was the first of such conference held outside the Command HQ in CAC. The aim

Conference participants

of the conference was to enhance HR management skills at the senior level, so as to extract optimum output from the men and machine. Expert views were presented on various relevant topics by the guest speakers from higher formations like AFRO, IAFBA, CERT, LU and Sainik School Ghorakhal during the conference. Addressing the Conference, the Chairman reiterated the core values of the IAF and emphasised on inculcating them in our air warriors.

22ND Career Fair at Kolkata

AF Stn Barrackpore set up a publicity stall during 22nd Career Fair organised by AFAIRS Exhibition & Media Pvt Ltd Kolkata

IAF stall at career fair

from 13 - 15 Apr 13. The publicity stall provided an excellent opportunity to create awareness among the youth towards joining the IAF. Publicity CDs, pamphlets and aircraft posters generated immense interest among the youth. A majority of the visitors were college and school going children, who were eager to find out information on the QRs for joining the IAF as an officer and airman. Team Barrackpore did its best in generating adequate interest and enthusiasm about a bright career in IAF amongst the visitors.

Publicity Campaign at KV & Army School by AF Stn Missamari

Motivational lecture in progress

A publicity campaign was organised by AF Stn Missamari on 13 May 13 for students of KV & Army School, Missamari. Sqn Ldr Neeraj Uniyal, Stn PRO delivered a motivational lecture with a view to educate the youth about the multi-faceted aspects of IAF as a career option. The students reflected their curiosity and enthusiasm, and were motivated to join the IAF.

CAREER FAIR AT PORT BLAIR

A Career Fair was organised at ITF ground, Port Blair by SAPE Events & Media Pvt Ltd on 06 - 07 Apr 13. IAF participated in the event. The place for setting up the publicity stall of IAF

IAF publicity stall at career fair

was earmarked after consulting the organisers in the form of a kiosk with electric supply. A highly informative stall was set up, which included display of photographs & posters, distribution of information brochures and hand-outs and videos on Akash Yodha, SKAT, 80th anniversary of IAF and PPT on career website were screened using a large screen television set & DVD player. Response during the event was very encouraging. Querries regarding the selection procedure in the IAF and mode of entry were clarified.

INAUGURATION OF E-EXAM HALL AT AF STN BAGDOGRA

The newly built e-examination hall was inaugurated by AVM Praveen Bhatt VSM, SOA, HQ EAC on 15 Apr 13 at AF Stn Bagdogra.

SOA, HQ EAC inauguratiing the e-exam hall

The e-examination hall is well furnished with 52 workstations which cater to the needs of Online Testing and Evaluation System (OTES) pertaining to Airmen Promotion Examinations (JPE/SPE/CPE- written part). On this auspicious occasion, SOA also planted a tree sapling as step forward for making the environment clean and green and appreciated the efforts made by this base.

FIRE SERVICE WEEK AT AF STN KALAIKUNDA

Fire Service Week was observed at AF Stn Kalaikunda from 14 - 21 Apr 13 to bring out awareness amongst all personnel about fire prevention and make all personnel conscious of fire safety. Fire lectures along with demonstration were conducted for all air warriors, NCs(E), Civilians, DSC personnel, Students of AF School Kalaikunda and KV-I & KV-II. The exercise was jointly conducted by

Fire Fighting demonstration in progress

the fire fighting teams of 5 Wg, 62 SU and Civil fire brigade of Kharagpur. Painting competition on the subject was conducted at the Stn. During the closing ceremony on 21 Apr 13, Air Cmde R Radhish AVSM VM, AOC, 5 Wg gave away prizes to the winners of painting competition and addressed to the personnel of the Stn.

Fire Service Week at AFAC

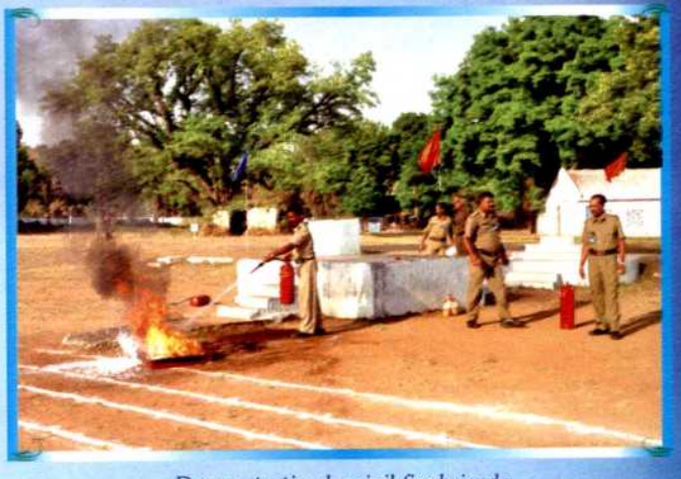
As part of fire service week a fire fighting display under mutual aid scheme was conducted by AFAC at AF School, Coimbatore on 18 Apr 13. The operations of various fire fighting equipment were practically explained

Demonstration of fire fighting equipment

to the children. Various rescue operations adopted during emergencies were also explained. Fire Fighting teams from AFAC, Govt of Tamil Nadu and INS Agrani participated.

Fire Service Week at AF Stn Amla

In order to create awareness among the service personnel and their families about fire and its hazards, Fire Service Week was observed at AF Stn Amla from 14 - 20 Apr 13. Various events,



Demonstration by civil fire brigade

such as slogan writing, poster making, fire lectures at KV and AF School Amla, street play etc were organised. The school children were explained about the precautions to be adopted to prevent any outbreak of fire and how to control it. They were also shown minor fire extinguishers and their operation. The main attraction of the Fire Week was conduct of a Fire Safety Quiz to test the level of awareness among air warriors about types of fire, methods of extinguishing and preventive measures. Another attraction of the Fire Week was conduct of a live fire fighting exercise in which solid, liquid and electric fires were created and successfully extinguished by using the appropriate extinguisher.

Celebration of Fire Week at 260 SU

Fire week was celebrated at 260 SU from 15 - 21 Apr 13. During the week, various campaigns were conducted for creating

Handling of fire fighting equipments

awareness about fire safety precautions among the personnel. Emphasis was laid on taking preventive measures and use of fire fighting appliances when in need. A demonstration class was conducted showcasing the capability of the fire fighting equipments.

Inauguration of AFGIS Sponsored Free Bus Service at CHAFB

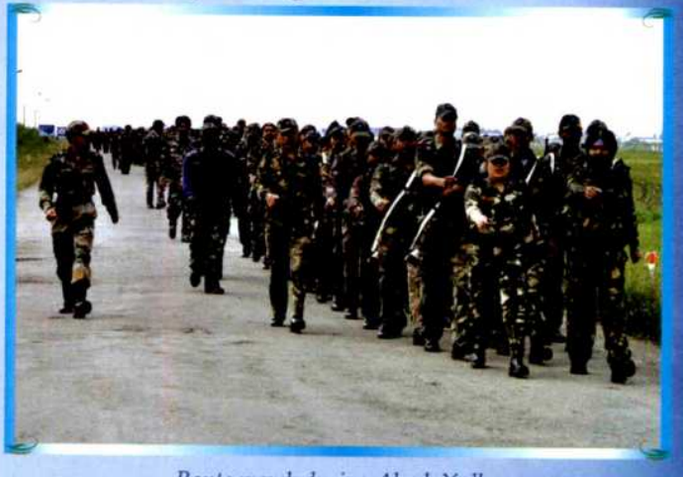
On 02 May 13, Air Mshl Rajinder Singh PVSM AVSM VM ADC, AOC-in-C TC flagged off the AFGIS sponsored free bus service for ECHS members at CHAF Bengaluru. Air Chief Marshl FH Major PVSM AVSM SC VM (Retd), AVM Rajiv Bhalwae, Comdt, CHAFB and Air Cmde EPP Nambiar VSM, PD, AFGIS and other senior officers of HQ TC, CHAF and Air

Inauguration of AFGIS free bus service

Veterans attended the interactive meeting. The 40 seater Bus will convey patients (ECHS members) from Jal Vayu Heights, Jalahalli to ECHS, Bengaluru at CHAFB via AF Stn Jalahalli and Jal Vayu Vihar, Kammanahalli on all working days.

Akash Yodha at AF Stn Srinagar

Akash Yodha was conducted at AF Stn Srinagar on 08 May and 17 May 13 for all air warriors. During the event various activities like route march, lectures on fire precautions, general security, weapon handling, medical & first aid, tent pitching etc were conducted.



Route march during Akash Yodha

INTER SERVICES SPORTS 2012-13

IAF has secured second position in the Overall Championship tally in the prestigious Inter Services Championship 2012-13, only second such instance in the 60 years history of the championships, the first being in 2010-11. IAF Cricket and Lawn Tennis were placed first in the respective disciplines for the second consecutive year. Air Force Cycle Polo team emerged victorious for the third consecutive year in the National Cycle Polo Championship. The silver lining of these achievements is that of an air warrior missing out on an Olympic spot by a whisker in the game of wrestling with JWO Rajneesh losing the coveted spot to Shri Yogeshwer Dutt in a best of three bout selection process, having shared honours in the first two bouts.

In Air Force Championships, HQ TC has emerged victorious in the Over All points tally, after winning 05 out of the 18 Sports disciplines in which the championships are conducted. Final standing of different commands are as under:-

AIR FORCE / INTER-COMMAND CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012-13

Sl.	Event	Venue	Date	WAC	SWAC	CAC	EAC	SAC	MC	TC	AIR HQ	Air Rep
1	Aquatics	AFA	28 May - 01 Jun12	16	4	12	6		14	8	10	
2	Athletics	AFS Jalahalli	14 - 18 May 12	16	14	10	4	2	8	12	6	
3	Badminton	EAC(U)	07 - 11 May 12	7	5	3	4	-	6	8	2	
4	Basket Ball	AFCAO	30 Apr - 04 May 12	8	4	6	12	-	10	16	14	
5	Boxing	E&ITI	07 - 11 May 12	8	12	4	6	-	14	16	10	
6	Chess	AFS Hakimpet	27 - 31 Aug 12	8	6	7	2	-	4	5	3	
7	Cricket	3 Wg	17 Mar - 12 Apr 12	8	16	6	10	4	12	14	2	
8	Cross Country	25 ED	22 Aug 12	8	14	10	6	2	4	16	12	
9	Football	3 BRD	27 Apr - 04 May 12	8	4	12	10	2	16	14	6	
10	Golf	28 Wg	06 - 10 Nov 12	16	6	8	4	2	10	12	14	
11	Shooting	6 Wg	9 - 13 Apr 12	8	5	6	4	-	3	7	-	
12	Handball	AFS Jalahalli	25 - 29 Apr 12	10	12	14	6	2	8	4	16	
13	Hockey	3 BRD	15 - 21 Oct 12	8	6	4	10	12	16	14	2	
14	Kabaddi	AFS Jalahalli	16 - 19 Jul 12	16	12	6	8	4	12	14	-	
15	Lawn Tennis	3 Wg	09 - 13 Jul 12	14	8	6	10	-	16	12	4	
16	Marathon	AFS Jalahalli	14 - 18 May 12	10	8	14	4	6	12	16	-	
17	Squash	2 Wg	28 May - 01 Jun 12	4	6	12	10	16	8	14	2	
18	Table Tennis	40 Wg	04 - 08 Jun 12	4	7	5	2	3	8	6	-	
19	Volley Ball	29 Wg	21 - 25 Aug 12	12	16	8	10	2	4	14	6	
20	Water Polo	AFA	15 May - 01 Jun 12	14	4	16	10	-	12	6	8	
21	Wrestling	29 Wg	18 -12 Jun 12	10	6	4	14	8	12	16	2	
22	Weight Lifting	3 BRD	9 -13 Oct 12	8	12	16	14	-	6	10	-	
		Total Point		221	187	189	166	65	215	254	119	
		Position		2	5	4	6	8	3	1	7	
		Command Leading Overall Tally		TC								
		Overall Champions	TC									

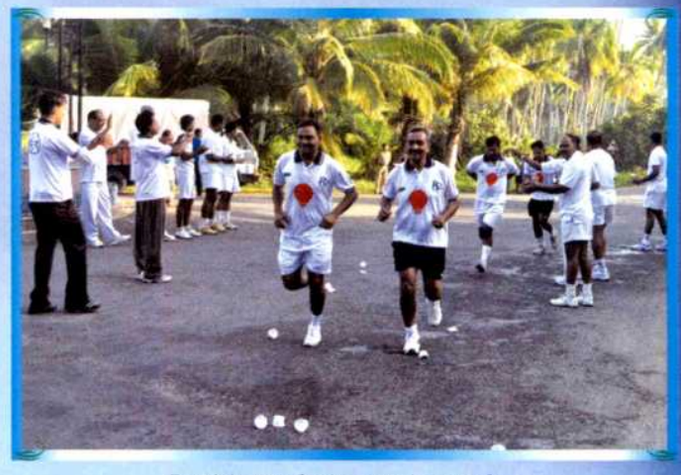
ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES AT AF STN HINDAN

Parasailing, PHG and Microlight adventure activities were organised at AF Stn Hindan on 06 Apr 13. The activities were intended to realise multiple purposes which included inculcating a sense of adventure in air warriors, unique exposure to aero-sports to families, motivation for students to take Air Force as a career and promotion of adventure itself. Participants of various age groups and categories including air warriors, ladies and children took active part in the event. Safety was given paramount importance. Comprehensive briefings were conducted for participants / crew and medical services were always kept on readiness. No emergencies were encountered during the activity.

Air warriors and families during Microlight Flying

CARNIC MARATHON 2013

Carnic Marathon was jointly organised by AF Stn Carnic and District Administration on 22 Apr 13 on the occasion of 'World Earth Day'. The theme of the run was 'Environment Protection and Disaster Preparedness'. The marathon was jointly flagged off at BJR stadium by Gp Capt Rohit Mahajan VM, Stn Cdr, AF Stn Carnic and Mr P Jawahar, DC, Nicobar at 0615 h on 22 Apr 13. It was organised for a distance of 8.5 Km for Men and 5.5 Km for Women participants in two age categories i.e., one under 20 years and the other above 20 years. About 400 participants including 95 women from the island, ran the marathon. There were 62 personnel including Stn Cdr & 05 officers from AF Stn Carnic who participated. All along the route, Stn personnel and people cheered and applauded the runners. In 20 yrs & above category (men) first four positions were won by the personnel of AF team namely Sep K Selva, Sep pradeep Ekka, Sep Rajkumar and Sep K Ganesh. Gp Capt PE Verghese completed the marathon and won the prize in oldest category male from AF Stn Carnic.



Participants during carnic marathon

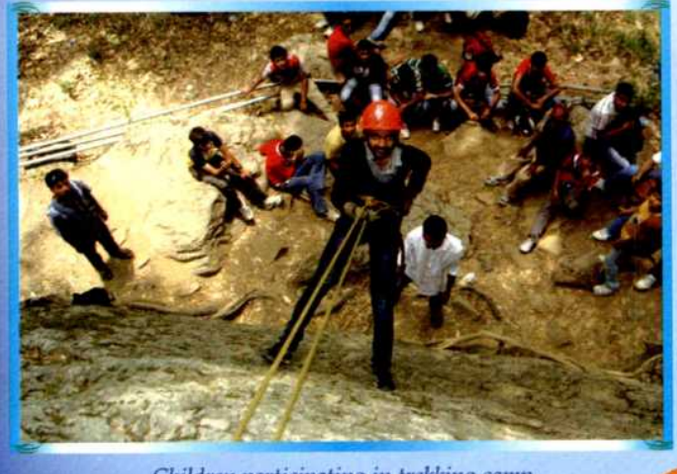
SUMMER CAMP AT AF STN AWANTIPUR

A summer camp was organised at AF Stn Awantipur from 17 - 20 May 13. The camp was inaugurated by Mrs Swati Naithani Singh, President, AFWWA (L). The kids participated in the activities like clay modelling, kite making, trekking, jungle survival drill etc. The camp culminated with a 'Camp Fire'.

Summer camp at AFS Awantipur

CAC AFWWA(R) Children Summer Trekking Camp

CAC Annual Summer Trekking Camp was held at AF Stn Bhowali from 26 - 31 May 13 under the aegis of AFWWA(R), CAC. Children of AF Personnel from all over the IAF took part in the Trekking Camp. 64 children, comprising of 37 boys and 27 girls participated in the camp. The children were exposed to various hilly treks and participated in adventure activities like River crossing, Rock climbing, Boating and Flying Fox etc. They also visited places of educational importance like Cave Garden, Zoo, Arya Bhatta Research Institute of Environmental Sciences (ARIES), Maheshkhan Forest Reserve and undertook a journey on the ropeway.



Children participating in trekking camp

On 31 May 13, the children presented a cultural programme as a part of the culmination event. Air Mshl J Chauhan AVSM VSM, AOC-in-C CAC and Mrs Harminder Chauhan, President, AFWWA(R) CAC were the chief guests on the occasion. AOC-in-C appreciated the enthusiasm and active participation of the Children and appealed to inculcate the team spirit and camaraderie induced in them during the Camp to be put to best use. President, AFWWA(R) gave away the prizes to the various category winners and lit the Campfire. Veterans from all the three services were also present during the occasion.

EAC Basketball Championship 2013-14

EAC Inter-Wing Basketball Championship 2013-14 was held at 5 Wg from 22 - 24 May 13. A total of nine teams from various units of EAC participated in the championship. Air Cmde R Radhish AVSM VM, AOC, 5 Wg

Oath taking by particapants

inaugurated the championship. 5 Wg bagged the overall championship trophy and 6 Wg emerged as the runners up. The potential players of the units of EAC were selected to represent EAC in the forthcoming basketball championship 2013-14. During the Closing ceremony on 24 May 13, AOC addressed the participants and gave away prizes.

Blood Donation Camp at AFRO

As part of Cohesion Day, a voluntary blood donation camp by AFRO personnel was conducted at SMC, WAC(U) on 04 May 13.

Blood donation camp in progress

The camp was organised by Medical Wing, AFRO and conducted by a team led by Lt Col DK Raman from Armed Forces Transfusion Centre, Delhi Cantt.

The camp was inaugurated by Air Cmde KPUK Nair VSM, AOC, AFRO and Mrs Shubhada Nair, President, AFWWA(L). An audio-visual presentation on blood donation was given by Gp Capt Sadhna S Nair VSM, Medical Advisor, AFRO. A total of 154 volunteers including 12 Officers, 107 Airmen, 14 NCs(E), 15 Civilians and 06 family members donated blood.

Celebration of World Health Day at AF Stn Kanpur

To commemorate 'World Health Day' on 07 Apr 13, a series of events were organised at AF Stn Kanpur. The theme for World Health

Health lecture in progress

Day 2013 was 'High Blood Pressure or Hypertension'. A health camp was inaugurated by Air Cmde Gulshan Rai VSM, AOC, AF Stn Kanpur. Mrs Anju Rai, President, AFWWA(L) and all senior officers were present on this occasion. All personnel had their blood pressure checked and further investigation, wherever required, was undertaken by the SMO and staff.

Celebration of World Health Day at 15 FBSU

MI Room of 15 FBSU conducted lecture and quiz competition on the occasion of World Health Day from 22 - 23 Apr 13. The theme of the lecture & quiz competition was high blood pressure and its management. 55 air warriors

Lecture during World Health Day celebration

attended the lecture by Sqn Ldr J Dalal, SMO. Three teams consisting of three air warriors each participated in the quiz competition.

Celebration of World Health Day at 5 Wg

On 07 Apr 13, AFWWA (L), 5 Wg celebrated World Health Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. Various events like yoga workshop,

Sanginis during health day celebration

health walk were organised on the day. A large number of Sanginis of the Stn participated in the events. Mrs Hyacinth May Radhish, President, AFWWA(L) was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Eye Camp at AF Stn Suryalanka

An Eye camp was organised under the aegis of AFWWA(L) at SMC, AF Stn Suryalanka on 09 May 13. A total of 30 Sanginis were initially detected to have refractory errors during medical examination. Renowned ophthalmologists Dr Prasanna Kumar, Medical Superintendent from Govt Hospital Chirala and Dr B Yella Reddy conducted the eye camp for the Sanginis.

Eye check up in progress

Health Camp for Veterans at 12 Wg

Towards maintaining a good rapport with retired air warriors and to remind them of the fact that even after their separation from Air Force we care about their health and well being, a health camp was organised by 12 Wg on 18 May 13. The main focus of the camp was to provide one stop health care facilities including dental care. The camp was inaugurated by Air Cmde SK Indoria VM, AOC, 12 Wg.

Veterans during health camp

WORKSHOP ON SUICIDE AND PREVENTION AT AF STN NAGPUR

A workshop on 'Suicide and Prevention' was conducted at AF Stn Nagpur under the aegis of SMC on 30 Apr 13. During the workshop, a lecture on 'Suicide and Prevention' was delivered by eminent psychiatrist Dr Sushil Gavande, MD (Psychiatry) who is a consultant Psychiatrist at Lata Mangeshkar Hospital

Lecture during workshop

Nagpur. Dr Gavande emphasised on the symptoms associated with suicidal tendency in individuals. He also elaborated on the tips for early detection of these tendencies and effective measures to be taken. The workshop was attended by all personnel of the Stn. Air Cmde SW Gosewade VM, AOC, AF Stn Nagpur appreciated Dr Sushil Gavande for his valuable insight on the subject.

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY OF INDIA EXHIBITION AT KOLKATA

AF Stn Barrackpore set up a publicity stall during an exhibition organised by Aeronautical Society of India from 02 - 05 May

Exhibition in progress

13. The publicity stall provided an excellent opportunity to create awareness among the youth towards the scope of joining the IAF. Equipments like RP Rod, Gun 23 mm (with stand) and CBLS were displayed. Publicity CD's, pamphlets and Aircraft posters generated curiosity among the youth.

DECLAMATION CONTEST AT 9 BRD

A Declamation contest was organised by AFWWA(L), 9 BRD on 03 May 13. Students from KV, AF School Chandan Nagar and AF School Viman Nagar took part in the contest. The contest, apart from the participants and Judges, was witnessed by participants' parents, Sanginis and students. Apart from winners, all the participants were awarded with the prizes.

Participant at declamation contest

Hon'ble RM with AF Commanders

Rajat Rajbhasha Shield

Kansya Rajbhasha Shield

AWACS during Ex - Live Wire

CAS at an AF Base during Ex - Live Wire